

John Muir Discovery Award Review

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Discover: I discovered a lot about the woodland. I discovered that there are loads of great hiding places for the big game of hide and seek that we played at the end of Thursday. I also found that our forest contains lots of different species of plants that all have different uses (one group used the roots of a tree for their hedgehog home). But the most important thing that I discovered was where I built my bee home. When I was given an opportunity to have a look at other people's creations, I saw some very good places that they had built their projects. Unfortunately, my bee home would not have been able to go in these places because the chance of a bee finding them is small.

Explore: I loved the bit at the start that when I had finished my nature art we were allowed to go off into the forest and explore it. Whilst I was exploring I found a tunnel, which was great fun to slide down. The best bit about the forest is that it is very big, which means that there are lots of resources that I could use for my project. The most important thing, only to me, was the tunnel, in which you sit on your bottom and slide down very quickly. It was loads of fun!

Conserve: My project was a bee home. It was basically a big plant pot (filled with hay and straw) underground, with a hose-pipe entrance. But that's not all, I planted bee-friendly flowers around the entrance to bee home number one (we ran out of time for number 2). It is also has a built in science experiment: one was in the shade and one was in the sun. The tools I used were a skewer for the elder sticks, a spade to dig the hole, a fork to soften the soil, a pair of secateurs and a pair of loppers. Also, Mrs Bennet was our helper. I hope that a colony of bees moves in and is happy with what I have made for them (it is rather safe because it is underground and the pipe entrance only fits a bee or anything smaller).

Share: I have shared my projects with some my classmates because when Mrs Waller blew her whistle to give us a chance to have a look at other people's work, I stayed behind to stop people tramping it and also to tell them about it as it looks like nothing more than a pipe sticking out of the ground.

What I have learnt... I have learnt that I absolutely adore the woodland because I think it is a great place for the animals to set-up their homes. I have also learnt that Dylan works really well outside. I think this is because of all the fresh air.

My next steps... My next steps are to keep checking it so that I will know when a colony of bees move in.

