

John Muir Discovery Award Review

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Discover: on the first day we went up to the forest we had the choice of painting or bug hunting I did a bit of both. We painted on the climbing tree with watercolours. Using watercolours on bark tested the texture of it.

In the bug hunting we used some pots that magnified in on the bugs. I found some millipedes and centipedes to put into my hotel. My favourite find was an unusual spider that was black with red stripes.

At the end of that day we played a big game of hide and seek around the gathering circle. Me and Alex hid in a bush and found a saw in there!! In the end the winner was Taylor.

Explore: I have explored more of the forest and found some interesting things. I found lots really good hiding places and some great places to build our bug hotel. With every good place we found we marked it out by drawing a cross or put a paint splodge.

I found out that there are more animals living in the forest than I thought. There are foxes living in the forest as well as an ant hill. We looked around the forest when looking for somewhere to build our bug hotel and found a huge bush with brambles. After about 30 mins of clearing we had a perfect hidden place for our hotel to be built.



Conserve: I have helped my group by clearing a lot of brambles near our hotel I also bought some sticks that I found on my way to school.

In my group was Lennon, Maisy, Holly, Laith, Imogen and our helper, Mr Gascoine. We made a bug hotel out of pallets, wood, string, sticks and hay, we also used greenery and mud to build our hotel. We found it very difficult to build as we were building right at the top of a hill. Even though we found it hard to build, however the hill provided us with wood, sticks, cans and we even found a school chair. Right at the end of our building week we had a massive game of hide and seek again this time the boundaries were different. Me, Taylor, Etson, Charlie, Alex D and Connor all squeezed into the back of an overhanging bush. In the end we won the game.

Share: At the end of our main project we had a look around everyone else's. I stayed at our one and explained it to everyone. Looking at our hotel made me feel proud of it. We have told lots of people younger than us about the John Muir project and they can't wait to do it. We will have a school display and some reports will go on the website.

What I have learnt I have learnt many things. The thing I am most proud of is being able to use a bow saw. Using the saw was much more difficult than using a normal saw. I also found using a hand drill pretty difficult as it took a while and kept falling out of the hole that I had made.

I have also learned lots about John Muir E.g. who he is, what he did and some of his jobs he had. John Muir was a famous man who instigated national parks after telling people off for building on wild areas in America. I also learned that John was Scottish but moved to America. John was born in 1827.

I learned lots about the forest and some of the habitats that animals live in. I learned about what food they eat and what they drink

My next steps Next time I would make something different or improve my one because it needs improving. My hotel mainly needs expanding as we have lots of room for it and it does not have room for the rest of our materials.

WE HAD AN AMAZING TIME UP IN THE FOREST AND WOULD LOVE TO DO IT AGAIN!!!!!!!!!!!!

