



This week has been truly inspiring, particularly in our outdoor areas where children's ideas and explorations have flourished. The environment encouraged imaginative and creative thinking, while also fostering factual understanding and knowledge-building. Through hands-on experiences, children demonstrated curiosity and confidence, engaging deeply with nature and extending their learning beyond the classroom. These moments highlight the power of outdoor learning in promoting holistic development—combining creativity, problem-solving, and real-world connections. See below for some of the experiences they have undergone this week.



Building a **hedgehog nest** has been a popular Forest School activity that combines **environmental learning, hands-on construction, teamwork, and empathy for wildlife**. It has helped the children understand how animals live, prepare for winter, and how we can support local biodiversity.

This activity is suitable for early years through to primary-aged children and one which all siblings could engage with at home in their own gardens.

For more help supporting wildlife in Winter together as a family go to

[Wildlife: helping through winter | RHS Advice](#)





**The Nursery's outdoor garden space** evolved into a rich, imaginative experience driven by the children's ideas. They initiated the transformation of the superhero challenge tunnel into a time machine, sparking curiosity and creativity. With their suggestions, we added tarpaulin and adjusted large hoops into upright portals, extending the play into a back in time dinosaur-themed adventure. Later, the children constructed a 'Dino Den' and carefully nurtured baby dinosaurs. **I wonder if our previous reflections** on caring for wildlife influenced this compassionate approach to their play?

The activity demonstrated strong **child-led learning**, as the modifications were based on their suggestions. It encouraged **problem-solving, collaboration, and communication**, as they worked together to design and navigate the space.

**And later in the week** a team effort on building an obstacle course coming out of the time machine helped develop coordination and balance.

#### Important Diary Dates and Information

**February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultation 3.30-6.30pm**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Last Day of Spring 1 Half Term**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - First Day Spring 2 Half Term**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Last Day of Spring Term**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - First Day of Summer Term**



Have a wonderful weekend

Take care,  
The Nursery Team 😊