



**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 passionate 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 😊