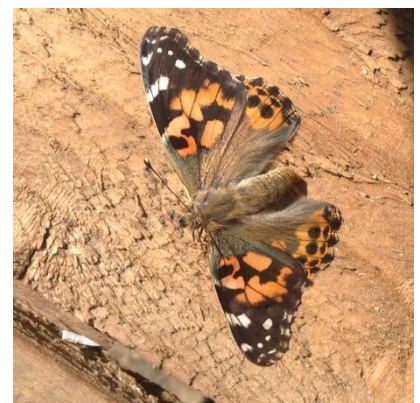


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Well, despite the weather, we have still been making the most of the opportunity to learn out of doors and to explore our environment. Our mantra is there is no such thing as bad weather.....only the wrong clothes. We have tackled literacy and numeracy outdoors and have dug swamps and made a bird hide. We have also had some great fun at the woods and enjoyed watching the world come to life in the summer. The latest members of our class are five little pheasant chicks who are keeping the children entertained by cheeping, jumping and eating worms and bugs.



Literacy: We have had some brilliant writing this week about all sorts of topics, especially stories about the forest and writing about our pheasants. We are working hard to form letters correctly and to read our writing through to check for errors. In nursery, we all had a go at some of the letters and thought of our own sentences and drew amazing pheasant pictures.

Our phonics is coming along well and we are using lots of sounds in our writing and reading. All our children love stories and it is hard to read all the books they select for story time during each day.



Writing stories in our forest den.

Mathematics: We have been finding and naming solid shapes this week and we learned the names cube, cuboid, cylinder and sphere. We also have been working with numbers to 20 in reception class and using numbers to ten in calculations and games in nursery.



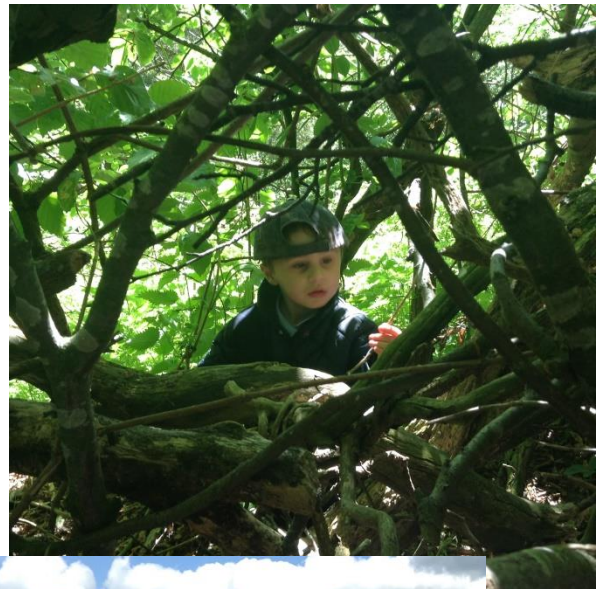
"I've found a sphere!"

Help at Home: Try finding solid shapes in the house and naming them. You could find other shapes such as pyramids and cones if your child is good at recognising the first ones. It is better just to use the shape names in conversation with your child, than question them or put them on the spot. E.g. 'Can you put the cylinder shaped salt pot on the table?' rather than 'What shape is this?'

Try making up stories with your child. If they enjoy story telling, they are much more excited about recording their stories for others to read, and enjoy writing more. Take turns to tell the next bit of a story or find a magic stone or jewel and imagine what it might do.

Other News..... here are some photos of our chicks and our adventures in the forest. The chicks are called Fizzy, Friday, Florrie, Finlay and Flappy. All these were chosen by the children and we looked at the f sound, even though pheasant is not spelt with a F in English. One step at a time!!!





Next Week..... on Thursday 20th June, we are inviting children under three to join us in Forest School for the morning. They must be accompanied by an adult, and we will meet in the church car park to walk down to the woods at 10 am. All are welcome and we would love to show people the lovely space we have for forest school and welcome them into our community.

On 27th June, we are welcoming Berwick St Mary's First School reception class, who will join us for the morning at Forest School and for a picnic lunch.

On Tuesday 2nd July, we are going to Howick Gardens from 9am till 3pm to explore an even bigger and more exciting forest and to enjoy the beautiful gardens.