



Forest School Summer 2 Session 3

In these sessions we will be sharing inspiration, facts & ideas for activities

Did You Know?

July was named in honour of Roman general Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth

Sometimes the hot, long days of **July** are called the "dog days of summer"

The 15th July is St Swithin's day, according to traditional folklore, whatever the weather is like on St Swithin's Day - whether rain or sunshine - it will continue for the next 40 days and 40 nights. There is an old poem to remind us "St Swithin's Day, if it does rain; Full forty days, it will remain; St Swithin's Day, if it be fair; For forty days, t'will rain no more"

Activity:

This is the last Forest School worksheet for this term, lets reflect on all the fun things we have done and learned and have a celebration.

Can you host an Ugly Bug Ball?

Last week you went to look for mini beasts, who did you find and who would you invite to a party? Perhaps you would invite the creature you made out of mud or play dough?

First write an invitation: can you use any of the natural paint you made on session 4 to write or decorate your invitation? Or try using colouring pens to write on leaves



Then decide where you will have your party. It will need to be outside, would you have it in your museum from week 2 or by your watering hole from week 3? Perhaps you will need to build a den

What weather would be best for a party? Would snails prefer hot sun or light rain, would spiders like a warm breeze or cold wind?

Can you make a delicious dinner for the bugs to share? What will your guests want to eat? Nectar from flowers, juicy green leaves, simple mud, each other? :/

Don't forget to celebrate yourself, take a snack and drink with you so you can enjoy your party

Facts:

Fantastic Minibeast Facts:

Wasps live in nests of around 10,000 workers and one queen.

They eat fruit, nectar from flowers and other insects they build paper nests from chewing wood and other materials.

Wasps can sting if they feel threatened



Aphids are tiny insects that suck juices from plants.

There are hundreds of different species.

Most are green or black, but some are pink, red, yellow or purple.

Some species will only stay on one type of plant.

You will usually see snails when it's damp or at night.

If the weather's too dry, they can hide in their shells for months.

They have four tentacles - two are eyes and two are for feeling.

They lay about 100 eggs in an underground nest



Woodlice live in damp, dark places under rocks and logs.

They have 14 legs and a hard grey shell.

As they get bigger, their small shell falls off and they grow a new one.

They are related to lobsters and crabs.

Flower of the week:



Herb Bennet or wood avens has small yellow flowers followed by distinctive fruits with burrs

The burr has the seed inside, it has tiny hooks on the end of red stems and feel a bit like velcro, it sticks to animal fur so the seed is carried away and new plants grow in new places

You can find it in shady borders and the edges of woodland

Time to Reflect:

As we come to the end of term what have you enjoyed most from our outdoor sessions? And where will you go outside next?