

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we continue to explore the world around us. We have talked about different animals and had a think about where we might see them. The children have been making leaf prints from different leaves we have found out and about. We have also been placing and arranging objects such as shells, pine cones and bits of wood to create wonderful pictures.

As part of exploring our world we have been looking at recycling with the children. Talking about why its important to recycle, the different things we can recycle and how we do this. The children took turns to pick items and decide which recycling bin they can go in. Why don't you see if they can help you with the recycling at home.

We have also been talking about how we are all different, from our hair which might be straight or curly, the colour of our eyes and how tall we are. To celebrate this the children have been drawing self portraits of themselves. Here are just a few of the beautiful pictures they drew.

On a Thursday morning we run **forest school sessions** which are offered to all children in their final year here at Noah's Ark. These sessions are led by Hazel our Forest school lead supported by Jess and Janet. The team take groups of up to 10 children in a minibus to Leigh Woods where they spend the morning playing and exploring. We know children benefit hugely from these sessions as they get the opportunity to learn in our outdoor learning environment, which gives them the chance to foster curiosity through play, enquiry and engagement in nature. Do take a look at the forest school board at the end of the corridor which showcases what the children have been doing at the woods.



Do remember we are having a week of coffee mornings next week, so do stay around after drop off for a coffee and a chat with other families. Alongside this we are doing a week of food exploration looking at various nutritional lunch club / snack options which the children will get the opportunity to try.

