



Lanchester EP Primary School

Year 1



Spring 2 Topic: **The Enchanted Woodland**

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise!

This half term, we are looking in detail at the life of plants and animals in the woodlands all around us. We'll visit a wetlands centre, observe the wildlife, collect natural objects and take beautiful pictures of the things we see. After our woodland adventure, we'll write about our experiences and learn all about trees. We'll write recounts of our walk through the woods. Throughout the project, we will find out how to recognise different plants and animals and create detailed, observational drawings of them. The tale of Hansel and Gretel will inspire us to write our own stories with a woodland theme. We'll build miniature dens, create woodland works of art and construct mini-woodlands from twigs, sticks, pine cones and leaves. In RE we will be learning about the Easter story and why it is so important to Christians.

At the end of our project, we'll have so much to share with you.

Help your child prepare for their project

Woodlands are interesting places. Why not take a woodland walk and see which plants and creatures you can find? Simple spotting books or apps will help you to identify unknown species. Alternatively, visit the local library and borrow information and storybooks about woodland creatures to read together. You could also collect twigs, leaves, seed cases and flowers to make natural art together outside. Remember to take photos before the wind blows your artwork away!

Memorable experience	Visit to Washington Wetlands Centre
Innovate challenge	A woodland walk along the railway line
English	Recounts, Woodland tales based on Hansel and Gretel
Science	Plants and animals; Identifying and classifying
A&D	Working with natural materials; Drawing; Painting
Computing	Digital photography and art.
D&T	Building structures; Making party food
Geography	Making maps
PE	Team games and learning to kick and control a ball.
PSHE	Feeling positive; Looking after the environment
Science investigations	Why do some trees lose their leaves? What are the different parts of a plant?

