



**Forest School**

**Belgravia  
and  
Westminster**

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# Session 1



The children were introduced to Folkor and listened to Zog, the book Folkor had left for them, while round the fire circle.



They then hunted for Zogs that “Folkor” had hidden in the forest.



They really enjoyed finding Zog. Some children choose to hunt for Zog in teams while other choose to look independently.





# Session 2

Falkor hid in the forest and left a trail for us to follow. We found him hiding in a corner of the forest. We decided to play our own version of this game and split into 2 teams. One team hid and left a trail while the other team played a game before trying to find them. We loved looking for clues!

In our free time lots of the children choose to play their own hide and seek games which they had not done in previous sessions.



Lots of children are still enjoying playing in the mud kitchen.





# Session 3

We found Falkor hiding under an umbrella in the forest today. He complained that he was getting very wet and asked us to build him a shelter. It had to be big enough for him to fly around in and breath fire as sometimes he breathes fire in his sleep!



Some of our designs were very elaborate and even included swimming pools! One group even built a trap to stop intruders from getting in. Most children also included a bed for Falkor. He was spoilt for choice!



Most children decided to carry on building their shelter in their free time.





# Session 4

After an amazing game of 'Scatter' we found Falkor with a new letter for us. He thanked us for building him lovely houses and asked us to make him some decorations for his dens. We listened to how to make knots and had lots of ideas for how to use a stick to make it into a decoration.



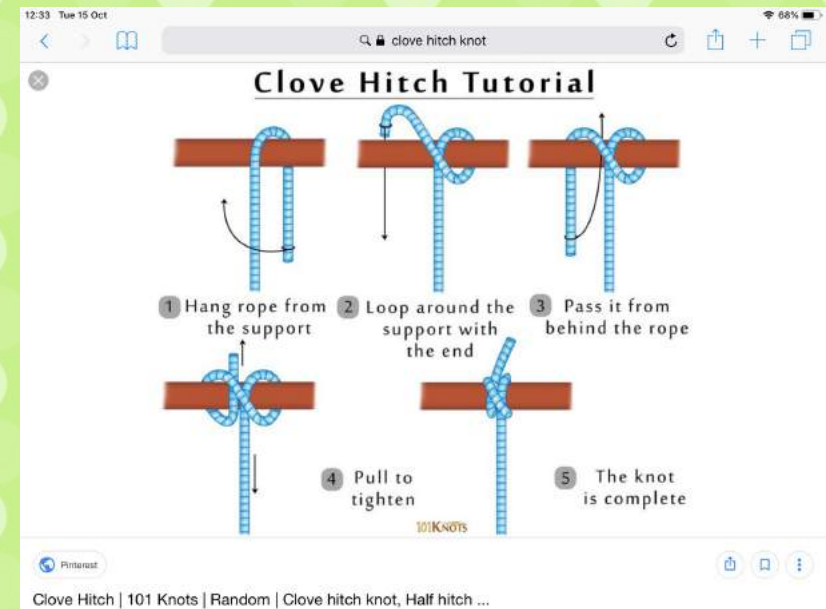
All the children carried on making decorations for their dens in their free time.





# Session 5

This week we had our first fire in forest school. We learnt how to make the fire and most of all we learnt to turn our heads away from the smoke so we didn't start to cough!



We learnt to tie a clove hitch knot. It was trickier than we thought but we tried our best.





# Session 6

Falkor had been reading the book Rapunzel, just like us! He asked us to make wands just like the witch in Rapunzel. We found our own stick and got ready to perform our first magic trick...making a wand!



We used wool to decorate our wands and used it to make tassels as well. We threaded beads onto our wool tassels. We coloured in our beads to make them look extra special.





# Session 7

We have started to get ready for Christmas in forest school this week by making Christmas decorations. We learnt how to use Secateurs to cut branches so that we could make these into stars.

It was very muddy this week! We enjoyed playing in the mud, some of us more than others!





# Session 8



A cold winters day were the perfect conditions to carry on creating our winter stars. We have become more confident using the secateurs and remembered how the different parts and how to use them after being introduced to them last week.



If we weren't making stars we were busy making dens! The children loved using tarpaulin to create their dens and there were some very creative and different uses of the tarpaulin.



We are also becoming more confident at making knots, vital to make our Christmas stars!





# Session 9

The best part of forest school is taking a break! We're so busy playing and creating that we always need to stop for a hot drink and a biscuit. Hot chocolate and marshmallows all round!



Another chilly day in the forest to complete our Christmas Stars. Everyone has managed to have a go using the secateurs and some children could even explain to the others the different parts and how to use them safely.





# Session 10

For our final forest school session before Christmas we decided to do some cooking! We sat around the campfire and topped waffles with marshmallows and chocolate.



It was a great to start our Christmas season with a sweet treat! They went down very well with our hot chocolate!



We wrapped our waffles in a double layer of foil before putting them around the fire. While they cooked we went and played.





# Session 11



We were very excited to find that Folkor had returned to the forest after his Christmas holidays. He played a game of hide and seek with us!



We made our own stickman this week and made him a new family tree!



We loved making him a new home so he wouldn't have to be used a log for the fire or as stick by the dog anymore. We used lots of different things in the forest to create our family trees.





# Session 12



On a very wet Forest School session, there was only one thing for it, make the most of the rain by using it to make patterns. We started off by experimenting with laying designs on paper and letting the rain do the work but we soon realised the best thing we could use to make patterns was MUD! We even used mud to make patterns on the fences using our boots!





# Session 13



There was magic in the forest as Fairy doors had appeared this week!



We loved making gardens to go with the fairy doors and really hope the fairies loved the gardens we designed for them. Some of them were very elaborate with hot tubs, slides, swings, reading books and secret hiding places!





# Session 14

To prepare for spring and the arrival of some birds back from their winter holidays Falkor asked us to build some birds nests. We looked for different materials in the forest which we could use and built our birds nests in lots of different places.



Fletcher was incredibly responsible when helping with the fire!





# Session 15



We loved building birds nests so much last week we decided to try and build a big birds nest that would fit all of us in! We gathered big sticks and arranged them into a nest before filling it with lots of warm leaves.



We also threaded some fat balls and hung them around the forest so the returning birds would have food in their new homes.





# Session 16



Due to bad conditions we decided to relocate forest school during the spring term. This week the children enjoyed exploring the new location.





# Session 17

This week, to help us get to know the new forest area we learnt how to play 'meet the tree'. We worked with a partner who led us to a tree in the forest while our eyes were closed. We felt the tree and tried to memorise it. They then led us away (carefully, our eyes were still closed) and when we opened our eyes we tried to guess which tree we had 'met'. We loved this game so much some of us carried on playing it the whole time we were in the forest!



Of course we had our usual hot chocolate!





# Session 18



We had a nature scavenger hunt in the forest today! This turned out to be our last session and what a session it was!

