

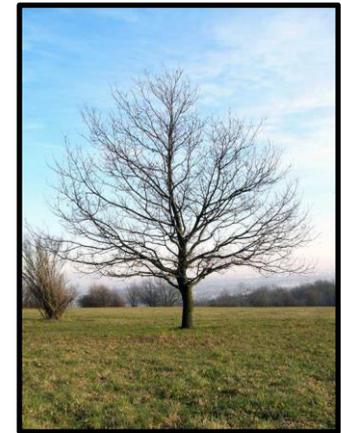


*Forest School Task: We hope you have all enjoyed lots of snow play and snowy walks. Remember to feed the birds when the ground is frozen as the birds cannot find food.*

*This week we are going to choose a special tree, either in your garden or close to your house. We are going to observe our special tree over time. It will be amazing to see how it changes as we move into spring.*

*If your tree is evergreen it will have leaves or needles on it. If your tree is bare it is a deciduous tree. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in Autumn.*

- First take a photograph and/or sketch your tree. Look carefully at the shape of your tree.*
- What patterns can you see in the bark? Can you see the roots above the ground? How many main branches are there growing from the trunk?*
- Look at the ends of the branches. Can you see any buds that will grow into leaves or flowers? If so what shape and colour are they? Are there any leaves on the branches? (you could also sketch them)*



- Look around your tree firstly at the sky. Notice the colour. Are there many clouds in the sky?
- Now look at the ground. Are there still any leaves on the ground below your tree. How many are there? What colour, shape and texture are they?
- Are there any animals living in your tree? Look in the tiny cracks in the bark and on the branches.



You can use the record sheet attached to make notes about your tree. In a few weeks we will send you back to visit your tree to see how it has changed.

Don't forget to share your Outdoor Adventures and discoveries with your class teachers and Mrs Goss. Keep observing!