

Widcombe Schools

Weekly Forest School Challenge 3



SPRING IS COMING.....the snowdrops are up and little shoots of wild garlic can already be seen bursting from the soil in Smallcombe Woods.

Forest School Skill

SKELETON BONES When you're on a walk this week, collect some sticks and build a human skeleton. You could use moss or stones to create the joints. It's a fun game to play while on a walk in the woods - or you can collect some sticks and play it when you get back home.



Younger children could just have fun making stick men. Older children could have a go at naming the different bones. See if you can spot the one I made this week in Smallcombe Woods!

Nature Spot

SKULLS During the winter, when all the vegetation has died back, it is a great time to hunt for skulls. Here are four common ones you may come across around here:



- A. Sheep** Turn it over and spot the large grinding back teeth of this herbivore.
- B. Squirrel** A small rounded skull with very distinct frontal top and bottom teeth for biting nuts
- C. Fox** Like a dog with a long snout. Often much smaller than people imagine.
- D. Badger** Shorter and wider than the fox skull, badger skulls often retain their lower jaw.

If you become interested in skull identification, have a look at this website which was made by a young boy called Will. He collected lots of skulls as a child. The website has a great key for identifying any skulls you may find: <http://www.skullsite.co.uk/>