

Forest Friday... Volcanoes

This week on Forest Friday we built some volcanoes. The children have been pretending the floor was lava and with the very impressive (and very scary) eruption of the Las Palma volcano we thought it would be interesting and fun to build our own and make them erupt!



1 - It was raining very heavily so Mrs higgins went out first and built us a shelter between the trees from some tarpaulins.

This also gave us somewhere nice and dry for lunch later on.

















We used a small plastic bottle to contain our "Magma" and found some rocks to build up around it. We worked together in teams.

Billie, Lily C and Jude, Holly, George and Ellie, Morvin, Penny and Ari and Orla worked with Lily F.



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Not quite as impressive as Las Palma but cool nonetheless! For the lava we filled our bottles three quarters of the way up with warm water and a squirt of washing up liquid. Then we filled almost to the top with white vinegar before adding the final ingredient... bicarbonate of soda. We all agreed though that they would have been way cooler if the rain had been off and we could have built much bigger ones!



2 - Next up was lunch. Yesterday we made our own rolls and sandwiches with cheese and ham so we sat under the tarp and listened to the rain before the wasps came and we had to move away.



3 - We had great fun trying out this experiment and we are definitely going to try it again on a bigger scale, maybe with papier machet or just lots of stones and a giant bottle!

Stay tuned and see what we get up to next Forest Friday!