

FOREST HAT: Evie Martin shows off her headwear to teaching assistant Alex Hardy

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Pupils discover the outdoor classroom

CHILDREN from Harrington have been given a taste of learning in the great outdoors.

Twenty-three Beckstone Primary School reception pupils went to Harrington Nature Reserve to try their hand at everything from making mud pictures using twigs and pine cones to collecting and sorting leaves.

The project culminated in a session collecting sticks for a fire and making hot chocolate with a camping kettle.

The lessons were designed to improve strength, core skills and balance through play-based learning, which in turn helped to improve their writing ability.

The school hopes to do more forest school projects soon and it is developing an outdoor area in its grounds.



A TWIG: Alicia Deans collecting firewood