

## Year 4 – Outdoor Week at Wren Park

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June was Outdoor Week at Wren Park.



### ❖ Maths: shape

In our Maths sessions, children used their creative skills to learn about shape. First, the children created wonderful chalk drawings using masking type and then identified the angle types. They looked fantastic and brightened up the playground. The children then used spaghetti and marshmallows to create 3D shapes. The children loved working practically and collaboratively to build a range of different shapes from cuboids to pentagonal pyramids! Next, we learned about symmetry. The children started by identifying examples in nature and finally created a symmetrical pattern using natural objects.

### ❖ Science and Music: how do we hear sound?

The children investigated how sound is made using musical instruments. They delved into the captivating world of vibrations and waves! Children explored various types of instruments, each with its unique way of producing sound—whether it's plucked, struck, bowed, or blown—and discovered that it sets in motion a series of vibrations within the instrument's components. Exploring musical instruments allowed children to connect science with the joy of making music. It was a fun, hands-on way to understand the magic behind sound production!

### ❖ DT: racing our slingshot cars

In the weeks leading up to Outdoor Week, the Year 4 children had created slingshot cars in DT. Outdoor week gave us the perfect opportunity to take them out for a spin! The children loved being put their slingshots to the test and eventually race their cars.

Observational art on the school field was a delightful experience for the children. As they engaged in this activity, they learned to see the world around them with fresh eyes. Observational drawing encouraged concentration and conversation about shapes, colour, and details. By closely observing their surroundings, the children discovered the magic of lines and forms, creating authentic and expressive artwork.

### ❖ Teambuilding and PSHE

The engaging 'Drainpipe Challenge' is a fun team-building game that encourages cooperation and problem-solving among children. In this activity, the children used sturdy half-pipes. The goal was to work together to guide a ball through the pipes from the starting point in a circled. Teams raced against each other, using good communication and creative solutions to successfully complete the challenge. It was a fun way to emphasize the importance of each member's actions within a team and build essential skills.

Outdoor Week culminated in a delightful picnic on the field – a fitting celebration of the week's activities – allowing pupils to unwind and reflect on their adventures while sharing stories and laughter with friends.

Noah shared, "It was so fun creating the chalk drawings on the playground!" Jessica added, "I loved having lunch on the field with everyone."

