



Words in the Woods Project

Stories from

St Josephs RC Primary School

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The project sounded exciting from the first whisper of an idea and as it grew and took flesh into a series of visits and events involving our little ones, my curiosity and excitement levels grew. However, nothing prepared me for the truly magical experience in Hensol Wood when the children watched each scenario unfold in front of their eyes. They were simply awe struck and the memories of their enjoyment and participation in such a natural, woodland setting is something I will never forget.

Marie-Louise Archibald
Nursery Teacher

I would like to thank Theatr lolo group for the wonderful afternoon at Hensol Woods. My daughter was absolutely enchanted. It has ignited her imagination and she has talked about it ever since. I loved hearing about the "magic soup". How very clever to tell them it would be ready the next day! Also the sleeping fairy, she thought that was great.

P.S. She still has her magic dust which when swimming or bathing, is kept in a container.

Again many thanks for keeping alive childhood.

Best regards,
Angela Ali (Alex's Mum)

I thoroughly enjoyed Theatr lolo, enchanting, magical & so child-centred. Ideal for the Early Years / Foundation Phase. We've learnt skills that from now on we could use in Early Years. We found that children and particularly one child who is often seen to be not listening in a classroom format, excelled herself in the woodland, asking questions, using her imagination and really enjoying the whole experience. It was a real eye opener for us. I personally was really looking forward to the Theatr lolo experience as I was captivated and enthused by the last production "Under the Carpet." I am looking forward to this brand new production.

Any child centred art ideas I would love to help with as I am a child-centred Early Years artist! I would gladly help with anything you may need for your production.

Judi Pritchard
Learning Support Assistant



Owen

When I went to the forest I saw giant pencils. A fairy put the giant pencils there.

There was a teddy hanging on a washing line. The teddy was called Tuesday.

There were blue and red and green and pink ribbons and there was a book for making her soup. In the soup were feathers and pine cones and salt – it was fairy soup. If you ate the fairy soup, you wouldn't feel very well.

A man was up the tree with a bucket and he was sleeping. He wanted chocolate – he got apple. The fairy cracked the apple open – a massive bit. The man played the guitar.



They stepped in the pond and the fairy didn't get her umbrella – nope – but the man got it for her.

The man's boat was called Friday – a massive boat. Friday sailed to Lapland or Spain. He found Father Christmas. Father Christmas said, "Don't come again". So he sailed to Spain and saw a swimming pool and he went on an aeroplane. He fell in the swimming pool – it was cold. "It's cold", said Friday.

"Don't let the man have soup", I say to my brother, "because he won't feel very well".

We went on a bus. We saw a green van, we saw some pine cones, we saw some feathers and we saw some caterpillars – different kind of colours. We saw the pond, we saw giant pencils and crocodiles.



Toby

One day I went to the forest. I saw a witch – she had wings. She made soup – magic soup – tomato soup. There was nothing else in the soup. She ate it and she felt yuk because it wasn't ready yet. She said, "It might be ready tomorrow".

There was a man in a tree. I said to my mum, "He doesn't have a toothbrush".

He had a bucket and chocolate and an apple. He had binoculars. He looked through his binoculars. I've got binoculars. Mine are plastic. Mine twist.

Grace

One day I saw a fairy in the forest and there was big pencils. They belonged to the fairy. She put them there because maybe the giants want to draw ... that's funny! The giants want to draw a pine cone, a ghost – a pink ghost, a monster – one with sharp, sharp teeth. The giants are big – they're massive. I don't think they have names ... they might do, but I'm not so sure.

We saw all those ribbons, we did, and I'm not sure, but I think we saw a yellow one when we came to find her.

The fairy was cooking magic soup. There were pine cones, feathers, leaves and glitter – magic glitter. If you eat the soup, you might feel like a fairy – well, I think she can fly, but we can't. I think that if you drink the soup you might be able to fly.



The man was sleeping in the tree because he stayed up all night because he was looking for animals up in the tree with his binoculars. He saw an owl, the owl said "Twhitt twoo".

I saw him with a boat. He had to push the boat in the water – it was gooey water and it had mud - uurrugggh – and there was an umbrella in the water with a pink ribbon, and a fishing rod.

Friday sailed to Scotland. He was lost. He said, "I want to get back to the woods". He met ducks – magic ducks – they can fly with wings – all of them is green. Friday said to the ducks, "Please can you get me back to the woods". They got him back to the woods by walking – ducks can walk because they've got wet feet.

William W

One day I went to the forest. I saw ribbons in the trees – they were tying the trees together. The fairy put the ribbons in the trees.

The fairy put fairy dust in the magic soup and she needed some more pine cones and feathers. If someone eats the soup, they do magic – fairy magic – and you turn into a fairy.

I saw a man living in a tree. He was doing nothing, just sleeping. Then he jumped in the tree. He ate an apple – me and everyone ate apples. The man had a boat called Friday. He sailed away to a magical land with a magical house – with snow – it makes magic – it makes magic snowmen. They sometimes melt.





Sam G

I remember feathers. The fairy made soup – magic soup. If you eat the soup you might turn into a yat – it's a small animal with a tail. I don't know what yats eat – maybe they eat little creatures. I know what cats eat – they eat mice.

It wasn't real, the fairy, and I remember the leaves and I remember the ribbons and the big pencils – they were for the giants. They were going to draw people and then they would look for the people who look like the picture and then eat them. (There's no glass in his glasses – he's dressed up.) They eat the people with their teeth – white teeth like a dinosaur. They'd be clean if they have a toothbrush. (I knowed him when you weren't in the forest.)

We were playing in the forest. He was doing nothing just in the tree and climbing the tree.

I can't remember the name of the fairy's teddy Tuesday!



Is this glitter? It's magic glitter.

Friday sailed away to space – it floated in space. It met aliens – green good aliens – there are brown aliens too. They said to the boat, "Who are you?" "Friday" said Friday. The aliens went backwards and the spaceship and now I know where your boat is – in the secret place in the stinky pond, the muddy pond.

In his tree, he's got a sink, because where does he spit?, and a birds' nest. What about your cups?

We weared our boots – it was too muddy.

I remember trees with ribbons because the trees told the fairy. I don't know what they said – I don't know that bit.

Sam P



In the forest we saw a fairy. We sat on her picnic rugs – they were all rolled up. We sat in the woods. There were feathers – she put them in the soup – magic soup. In the soup there were pine cones and water and stuff and magic dust. If you eat magic soup you get poorly, you get sick.

We saw ribbons tied across the trees. The fairy put them there so you can follow them back home because you don't want to get lost. I've still got fairy dust on my hand.

We saw a man in a tree. Last night he did see an owl and a badger – it was eating grass mice. He lowered the bucket down and then we had some apple – apple with water on it.

We had a walk and then we came by the pond. We saw baby crocodiles. They were sleeping in the cave. They were just pretend crocodiles – you were pretending, teachers were pretending – not the children, the teachers!

The fairy was in funny mud. Friday sailed away to a magic land. It might be very, very far away that land. It slid off the ground. He found a shop – a toy shop: a toy aeroplane, a toy water gun – a big water gun. Thomas, Ben's friend, had a big water gun for his birthday. Friday saw a school – there might be a small water gun. You're not allowed to bring water guns because there isn't any water. This school (St Josephs) does have water – this school. That pot is full of water.

This time it really was Pencil Wood because it had pencils hanging down. The fairy put the pencils there in case the giants want to draw pictures – pictures of monsters. A green monster with googly eyes and that monster does have very big claws. I eats people. "I am a scary monster."



Curtis

In the forest I saw pencils – red pencil – really big pencils on the tree. The fairy put them there to find her way home and she put ribbons.

The fairy was in the woods. She was making soup with feathers and cones and glitter – magic glitter.

Benjamin



Pencils – big pencils. The fairy put the pencils for the giants who live in the clouds. The giants draw pictures of a lion – an orange and yellow lion called 'Lion'. They draw dinosaurs – green dinosaurs with spikes and a tail and brown teeth. The dinosaurs eat sand.

We saw ribbons tied upon the trees.

We made soup with the fairy – pine cones, feather and flour. You eat magic soup and you become invisible.

We saw a man sleeping in the tree. He said, "I'm hungry". He said, "I want chocolate". He didn't get chocolate, he got an apple and he's got a bucket in a tree. The fairy put the apple in the bucket. And I got apple to eat – me. It was magic apple.

The man had a boat. It sailed away and found a crocodile. It's got sharp teeth, big sharp teeth. It lives in the water. The crocodile eats pine cones and says, "I'm hungry".

The boy put the bucket down and climbed down and went to the pond. See behind there there's a baby crocodile called 'Baby Crocodile'. It eats pine cones.

Jemima



When I went to the forest I saw pencils – big ones. The princess put them there so giants could draw a big circle and a big dinosaur – a friendly dinosaur, a yellow one. The giants live in house 1 and 2.

The princess was making soup – magic soup. We helped her find pine cones and feathers. If you eat magic soup you get a sore tummy.

Tuesday, the teddy bear, was in the mud – she's getting muddy.

I saw a man in a tree – he was sleeping. There was a magical crocodile sleeping in the pond.

Sascha



Fairy Godmother was reading a story. She was making soup. She put some of the magic potion in the pot. There were pine cones and feathers in the soup so her can fly. If I ate the magic soup, I'd be flying.

We saw Tuesday – a bear – in the woods on a hanging line and then her falled in the pond – the dirty pond, the sluggy pond.

There were pens of the fairy because it was busy. She put them up so that everyone could write it on their hand and then rubbed it off with the rubber. She put a ribbons on the trees because it was busy.

I saw a man in a tree sleeping, because he was looking at everything – an owl – through his oculars. He gave his oculars in the bucket and then the fairy borrowed them. The fairy gave him an apple – and the children – in her basket.

Then we went by the pond and seen the boat called Friday. Friday sailed to the Fairy Land and saw loads of fairies. They were playing toys or reading fairy books – a pink or black or white book. They played with fairy toys. The fairies were all green. They danced. "Don't come in the pond ever again", they said to Friday. "I won't", said Friday. Friday went back to the pond and swimmmed in the pond and seen the crocodiles. The crocodiles were sleeping in the cave. I don't know what they eat, I haven't seen crocodiles. We were singing a song and the man played a guitar and the girl played a whistle. We singed a song. The boat it floated.

Talia



We saw pencils on the tree for giants. The giants were going to draw a face, a white face, and they'll draw one on the back. The giant is really tall. The giant has no name.

We found a ribbon. The fairy put them there because she wanted to leave her home and followed them.

A house in the wood. There were feathers – we put them in the soup – and fairy dust and pine cones. Fairy dust makes the soup really, really nice. If you eat it you might be poorly. The fairy might be poorly too.

We met a man in the tree. He was sleeping, cos he was sleepy. He'd been watching animals all night – pandas – and owls. He ate crisps and apples. "It tastes nice", he said.

Then we went to the pond - an umbrella sailing and flowers in a pink watering can and a fishing rod. There were fish in the pond and baby crocodiles in a cave. We had to be quiet. The man put his boat in the pond. It sailed to a magic land with fairies – really loads of fairies – playing tag, wearing dresses – pink dresses.

Chloe



My eyes get itchy every day and I have medicine at my house to stop them itching.

I saw a fairy making soup – magic soup. We helped her with feathers and coconuts ... (I've got a coconut in my house. I brought it to school and it's a eating one. It's to share – not with grown-ups, only for boys and girls, in case grown-ups get sick) ... and fairy dust and you putted some on my baddy to make it better. If you eat magic soup you'd have magic powers – everything.

Then we went with the fairy to find that man in the tree. He was sleeping. We said "boo". We did it really nicely in case we scare him, in case he might fall out of the tree and hurt himself. He climbed and jumped off. We ate apples – the fairy gave them to us; they tasted nice and fruity.

(When Baby Buster is in my bed, I huggle him. He doesn't sleep and sometimes I hide his eyes – sometimes I do, sometimes I don't. Big Buster barks so much.)

In a magical land I would find monsters and, if they scared me, I would run away. "Go away, come back another day", I would say to them. Big and friendly monsters and they wouldn't bite me. The monsters would say, "Hello, little girl. How do you feel?" "I'm fine", and I would ask my dad or my mum for magic fairy dust to make this baddy better.

There was a fairy in the forest and it talked.



Megan

One day we went to the forest and we saw caterpillars – all sorts of caterpillars and we saw some tigers.

We went to Spain. We went in the pool and Daddy chucked me in. The weather was hot. We went for a walk to Chinese. We played in the hotel. We played playing with your dollies – Amanda and Caroline.





Zacharia

There was a teddy. His name was Teddy Tuesday. I saw him in the tree hanging by his ear.

We saw a girl reading a book – a big book. She was maybe making soup with cones and red feathers and fairy dust. The soup tastes really yucky.

We saw a man in a tree. He was looking like this - (o)(o) - with binoculars.

There might be crabs or shrimps in the umbrella. The umbrella was in the water, in the pond, and a fish in the water and crabs in the water.



Cai

In the forest I saw an umbrella – a pink one – in the water – by there. The umbrella was sinking in the water.

I saw a dog – a Dalmatian dog – white and black.

I saw a man in a tree – sleeping. We said “boo” quietly, so we didn’t frighten him. He climbed down and looked in his noculars. He looked in the sky. He saw clouds and more sky.

The fairy gave us apples – juicy! We helped the fairy make some soup – yukky soup with feathers and ... I can’t remember.

We saw ribbons hanging up on the trees. The fairy put them there.



Josh

We saw pencils and green ribbons in a tree. We saw a boy in a tree – sleeping. He had apple. Josh had apple. The girl had apple – a fairy girl with wings. She can fly up in the sky.

She has an umbrella in the water, hanging from the trees.

The boy had a boat in the water.

We made soup with feathers with her.

Elise



Jack was in the tree, sleeping because he was too tired, because he wanted some dinner. He didn't get any dinner. We got apple – it tasted lovely.

To say "boo", we frightened him. He was hungry. He wanted to eat apple. The fairy gave apple to you and me.

The fairy was tying the ribbons to the trees – she wanted to. There were pens hanging from the trees – for drawing; for Sarah to draw her name.

We helped the fairy to make soup – magic soup. There were feathers and pine cones and fairy dust. If I drink magic soup, I will get sick. If fairies drink magic soup, they might get sick.

Jack had a boat called Wednesday. Wednesday sailed in the water – to the fairyland, to her home and her soup.

If I went to a magical land, I would find a princess (like a prince wearing a hat – pink and black). Princess Rosie – a beautiful princess.

The ribbons were tying the tree because the pens were on there. The fairy put them there because she wanted to. There were trees and princesses. They were tying the ribbons – pink and blue and green.

James



Last week I went to the forest and I saw pens and ribbons and then we went to see him on a tree singing the bird song. We had put feathers in the soup and we had to put pine cones in it and white stuff that tips out and turns it horrible. We had a taste and it tasted nice. We sang the song. She went in the water and had to be careful of the big crocodiles and the little crocodiles and they live in the little cave and they eat people.

We got the umbrella that's a boat. The boy had a boat hidden and it sailed to us and then it went on an adventure. It went to a farm and saw some cows. They were fighting each other and they didn't stop. There were dinosaurs. It was the dinosaur with three horns on his head, three horns on his nose and three on his chin. He was called Fovel. He was fighting the hippos. We saw pigs. They were splashing in the muddy water. The boat sailed on the grass and then sailed back to the farm.



Hamish

I saw the fairy and she was making soup - magic soup. I saw the soup. We tipped the ingredients in the soup: pinecones, feathers.

A man and a fairy went to the sticky pond. I saw a big pencil for a giant. He lives in the woods. He eats worms in his sandwich.

I saw a man sleeping. At the sticky pond, the man sailed a boat. It sailed to Scotland and saw giants – Scottish giants. They eat snakes. It sailed somewhere else – to York. It saw a ghost in a dark place going “Whoooooo”. The boat went to Spain. It saw a poisonous spider eat the bees.



Sofia

We saw big pens. They belong to the giant – to draw fairies. We saw a big ribbon – orange. A fairy tied it. She made it because she just did.

We saw a barbecue – it wasn't mine. There was a wall.

We met the fairy. We had to put fairy dust in the special pie. We put feathers and pine cones in.

We sailed a boat in the brown water. Nobody drove the boat. It went to the sea. It went under the trees. It saw her umbrella. The fairy hides it on the water. The watering can had flowers in it.



Joe

I saw a dragon in Pencil Woods.

It was Joe Chappell.

It was throwing stuff over the woods, over a skip. It was throwing dirty rubbish over the skip.

It lived up the dragon top. It lives in the wood. It was throwing toys. It had one poo-poo.

Niamh

One day we did eat apples. The apples were from the tree. The fairy gave us the apples. We did sit on the mat. We did go to the fairy's house and she did do ribbons all around the trees to follow the way.

The fairy was putting pens around to follow the way too. The fairy dust makes you into an owl, you can fly.

We stood by the pond. There was an umbrella. It was the fairy's.

We saw a boy in a tree. He had binoculars. He could see us. When we left the fairy and the boy waved and then went to their own homes.

There was a watering can in a pond. It was the fairy's because she wanted to water the umbrella to make it clean.

We did see nothing else.

**Charlie F**

There were ribbons on the trees. All trees have ribbons on them. The trees have leaves. We saw a fairy making soup. There were feathers and pine cone in the soup and a special ingredient.

We went and had an explore. We saw a man in a tree. He was sleeping. I don't know why.

We went exploring again. We saw his boat. It was called Friday. She went to the other side of the pond.

**Maddie**

They were under the trees and we had to find them.

We put them in the bowl.

We were making soup. It was my soup.

We put sugar in the soup, it make it different.

It glitters. If she ate it she might be sick.





Joe G

I remember the soup with feather and pine cones. I think I remember we put the magic stuff in. It did go in the soup, but it went on the floor a bit – I saw it.

I saw ribbons in the forest. The fairy tied it round the trees because to find the way back.

We saw pencils – red and green and yellow. They were big, for giants to draw pictures of cars on giant piece of paper.

A man was stuck up a tree. He was sleeping. Maybe he was a bit too tired. Maybe he was walking away and he was a bit tired, so he climbed up a tree to have a sleep. I think he saw the ribbons. I think he smashed the glasses on the floor. I think he can't see.

He had a army suit – maybe it was raining when he got there. I think he goes in the army. I think he finds some naughty people and shoots. I think he has binoculars. He can see something, an owl like that [points to the owl in the book behind him].



I think he was splashing in puddles with wellie boots on. The fairy went in the mud too and asked the man to get the umbrella. He found a net to catch fish – they weren't real, they were just pretend fish.

This is Tuesday. I think the man dropped Tuesday.

There was a boat – they sailed it. I think he sailed it away to astronaut place. It was a spaceship. It was going to the moon. The moon was made of cheese and there was a shop of cheese. It floats around.

The pink stuff might change the soup into dust. If we ate it we would turn to dust, but if the fairy ate it she wouldn't turn to dust because she's magic.



Alexander

I saw a pencil. It was a big pencil. It was too big for me. A yellow one.

We saw a ribbon. We saw more ribbons. They led us far away.

The fairy was reading a book.

Katie



I saw it in the woods and I picked it up and I choosed it and I loved it. I had a pink lolly from the ice-cream van. I saw pencils, pink and yellow and green but nobody would play with me. I wish somebody would play with me. I think me and Eleanor will play in my garden with Coke. I will find a pink feather and another little girl called Lucy. She had pink wellie boots. I saw a pink fairy and a yellow one and a green and all rainbow colours. My dad gave me some celery and a picnic and then I had a drink cos I had coke in my drink.

In the woods we were making soup. It was magic soup. If you ate the magic soup you would fly.

To the beach – look out for crabs and snakes. They snip people if they don't and somebody cries.

I want to see a dolphin. Dolphins don't bite and I want to see a pink 'mingo and sometimes bumble bees sting. I saw a starfish and he was pink and he sticked on my head and Daddy picked him off.

A yellow feather and a pink feather and I picked them up and put them on a stream and made a party for Elise. I saw glitter and a branch.

Seren



I saw ribbons on the trees.

I saw a man, he was sleeping on a tree.

I saw a teddy hanging on a washing line.

A water, an umbrella in the water. You don't put umbrellas in the water.

Ducks – we didn't see any. We saw some crocodiles and a colouring-in pencil.

I saw a fairy hanging out the ribbons.



Madeline

I saw a fairy making soup.

Pine cones, feathers in magic soup.

A boat went to the baby crocodiles and a big one –
they snapped their teeth.

Matthew

I want to be a pen. Ribbons – they were the fairy's – in the wood, on the trees.

A big pencil draw dinosaurs. I can easily do dinosaurs in nursery – massive ones. They chase all the other small dinosaurs. That's why they're scary.

That's the pool, that's you and your boy. He found the thing over there – the umbrella. He washed it with the plants. His boat, it went to a boat plant. There was just boats, people and boats.

The boy went to his tree. The fairy went to her house. He was just watching some animals – black owls. "Hoo-de-doo-de-doo".

The end.

I remember seeing that one called Teddy. And a ribbon, because the trees said so.

Apples. All the children and the grown-ups. It was red. It was all wet. It was wet just in case it went all black.

It's fur. My cat's got fur – not blue fur. Cats have got white fur. Have you got white fur on your cat? My cat's called Bella. She goes to the wood. She follows behind you [the fairy]. She sees you flying. She goes to boat's place – only boats and children. I followed her somewhere else in the woods and I just went home.

Mummy took me to the woods and said I could walk home and it was so so far from my house. Mummy and daddy were just gone to sleep. I had to get in where the cat goes.

The end again.



Ricardo



An owl, just staying. He flied in the hall and slept. Just like my father.

A man in a tree – sleeping. He was joking. He was seeing the owl. Another owl, sleeping like the other one. He came home in a magic home. It was a big bed.

Friday – a boat. It went to Inspookyamen. It was in my home – it's like a beach. I was scared. A lion and robot live there and hurt me in my tummy. Another robot eats me. He pulls funny faces and makes me laugh. It might sail in a feather. It might stick on it.

It gets stuck on the umbrella, it's dirty. The fishing net would catch dirty fish. Yuck.

A flowertop lives in pond to water the flowers. Another robot lives in the water, called Teddy. He sniffs me. He wants to eat me. He eats me. And another robot and another one and another one and another one and another one and another one and another one – lots of robots.

Magic feathers. You stick on each one – trying to get out of the robot. I say the magic word – abracadabra. I need a stick to say abracadabra and then pocus pocus abracadabra. Say the magic word and punch him with two sticks. Phshhh. I'm not free, I'm four.

A robot in a teddy – her name is Rosie.

Ellen



It starts with a feather.

At the forest by your house – the fairy.

House like a tent.

A basket kept apples, taste like sweets.

We put cones in the soup, special soup. We put feathers in the soup and sticks.

A pen – it's not like yours, because it's a pencil.

You put them on a tree. Draw pictures of trees.

Millie



Bear sad man tree fairy walking.

Do you remember this? (pointing to teddy)
Bear, sad.

Who is this? (pointing to Jack)
Man.

Where was he?
Tree

Who am I? (pointing to self)
Fairy

(pointing to photo of man and fairy on the path)
Walking.



Alexandra

I saw pencils hanging on the tree – with ribbons. Special pencils – big, red.

I saw ribbons hanging in the trees. A fairy put them there in the woods.

Making soup – magic soup. Feathers and pinecones.
Teddy on the line.

A man sleeping in a tree. We said "boo" and that woke him up.
We had apple to eat.



Holly

Once upon a time there were pencils hanging on a tree – magic pencils. They were not little, they were big – the giant's pencils. The giant draw pictures with them. He draws a little girl and a little boy playing football. The little girl was winning.

He lives in the woods. He stomp. He stomp on the ground, cos he does.

The ribbons – hanging on the trees. The fairy put them there, cos she did.

The fairy was doing soup – cooking it – magic soup. She put in feathers and pine cones and the special ingredient.



Charlie

We begin. The umbrella in Pencil Wood – in the water. It was dirty. We cleaned it up with the watering can. There was mud. It was like chocolate – you could eat it – it tasted like chocolate. The water it was warm. A boat on the water it was floating. It sank in the mud. The faraway land was here. A teddy – I like him. She was called Friday. It was dirty.

It was pencil. It was orange and another pencil and another pencil. If you want to draw something.



Annie

The crocodiles in the rivers were sleeping. They were little ones. They were sleeping.

Big pencils for the giants. They draw pictures of monsters and things.

He was in a tree. We put feathers and pine cones in the soup. We didn't have any.

If I was a fairy I would have pink wings.



William B

Last week in the forest we saw a fairy. The fairy lived in the woods. She had wings. She could fly.

There was a boy in a tree. He was sleeping. He was tired.