

## **My experiences at TG**

In TG, the 2,000 days or so seem to have skipped by nearly as quickly as me running!!! When I came through the school gates for the first time, I was trying to look at everything and when I got to the reception class, I was very scared but Mrs Bason (the teacher at that time) warmly welcomed me in. After that, I made a few friends and got to know many others.

At the class 3 campout, we were chatting in the tents at night and when a teacher walked by we stopped... and started again when we were sure she had gone by. In the morning, it was tipping down with rain and we had to run to the shelter underneath the big sycamore tree where lots of others were having breakfast. Unfortunately, some of the teachers were in the rain trying to get some of us out. Meanwhile, they were getting soaked!

One of my favourite moments was playing brain-box in Class 3 with Mr. Strangwood. It was a game that you needed to answer general knowledge questions, if you got one right you'd line up at the front and wait for Mr Strangwood to let you go to lunch. The rest had to answer some more questions.

The two day campout we had at Sernal forest didn't seem too long but I still managed to make a lot of memories. We started off making the tents, with a break for tea in the middle. I was in a tent with Oscar and we struggled a bit putting it up. After that, we played games in the wood. One of them was called Gamekeepers and Poachers. The poachers ran away from the keepers and hid. I was a poacher and Jack was shining his torch around the undergrowth. When it scanned over me, Jack yelled where I was but I'd already scampered off and over a big thorn bush. Then Jack was still yelling but I dropped him on a long run down the passage way and hid at the end. Eventually, he found me with his torch (again) and chased me but I slipped and gave myself up as I knew I couldn't get up in time. Then we roasted marshmallows over the camp fire. Last but not least, it was bed time. One thing I learnt that night was don't sleep in a tent with Oscar... he jumps on you to get you to wake up. When we woke up we had to clear our tent before doing our teeth and having breakfast. Let's just say, I had a bit of trouble packing. After that, we had hot chocolate did our teeth and went up the hill to the forest for breakfast. We had hot dogs sausages and beans. Then we played some games in the forest, built some dens and went down for lunch. We did soft archery and Clementine got the first bullseye while I was on the fringe of getting one. In the end, I nearly got a square on the board and was the third one to get all four arrows on a board.

My life in TG has been more than eventful, from making new friends. I have learnt a lot from this school and will go away happy to know I have had a long couple of years. Thank you to all the teachers who have helped me over the past years.

Yours sincerely,

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