



Haveley Hey Community School. Growing Outside.

Tuesday 10th December 2023

Weather: A little chilly!!

Growing Outside

Children: Nursery.

Christmas Decorations.

Today at Growing Outside Nursery joined me in the allotment. we were making Christmas Decorations. Ours were going to be made from plants. Before tinsel and baubles, people used plants to decorate their homes at Christmas. It



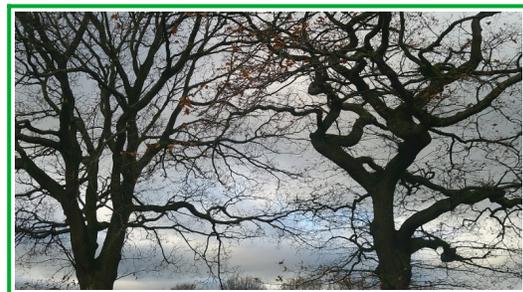
is still traditional to decorate trees and hang mistletoe.



As it was now a lot colder and almost Winter, most of the plants had stopped growing flowers and many trees have lost their leaves. We were using **EVERGREENS.**

Evergreens are plants and trees that have leaves all year round.

Lots of these trees and plants are from colder countries and have adapted to staying alive. We noticed how the Ivy growing on the fence was bright and green, where all the leaves had fallen from the large Oak trees.



Each child was given a cup with flower oasis inside it. Flower oasis is used by florists. It is a sponge like material that soaks in lots of water. You push the stems of plants into it, to help them last longer, like putting flowers into a vase of water. It also keeps them in place so they won't fall out the cup.



I had brought various evergreens for the children to use. The children chose their favourite plants to add to their displays. Some of the plants looked like Christmas trees, Spruces and Conifers, others had berries or yellow and green leaves.

We used some Ivy from the fence, and bright green Laurel I found at the back of the school field.

We also had some fragrant ROSEMARY, cut from the plants at the allotment, it will make the decorations smell lovely. Rosemary is a herb that can be use to flavour roast potatoes for Christmas dinner!!



Everyone had some red glittery ribbon tied to their decorations. They looked wonderful and the children did a fantastic job. Everyone left the garden very happy and wishing me Merry Christmas!

Well done Nursery!!

Merry Christmas!

Dawn.