

The Garden Classroom

Autumn Term 2017

Our Trip to Hollyhurst Farm

We went on a trip to Hollyhurst Farm.

First on our tour of the farm, we looked at the calf heifers in the igloos. Igloos are good for the calves because stale air is swept away while fresh air flows through easily.

We learnt that cows have their own passports like us. Their passport numbers are written on yellow tags attached to their ears.

Then we saw a big tractor and we sat on the wheels. We also had a go at sitting in the digger.

Next, we saw some cows who will have babies soon. They were eating silage - this is what they eat in winter.

We learnt that cows have four stomachs and food returns from one stomach to be chewed for a second time. This is called the cow's cud.

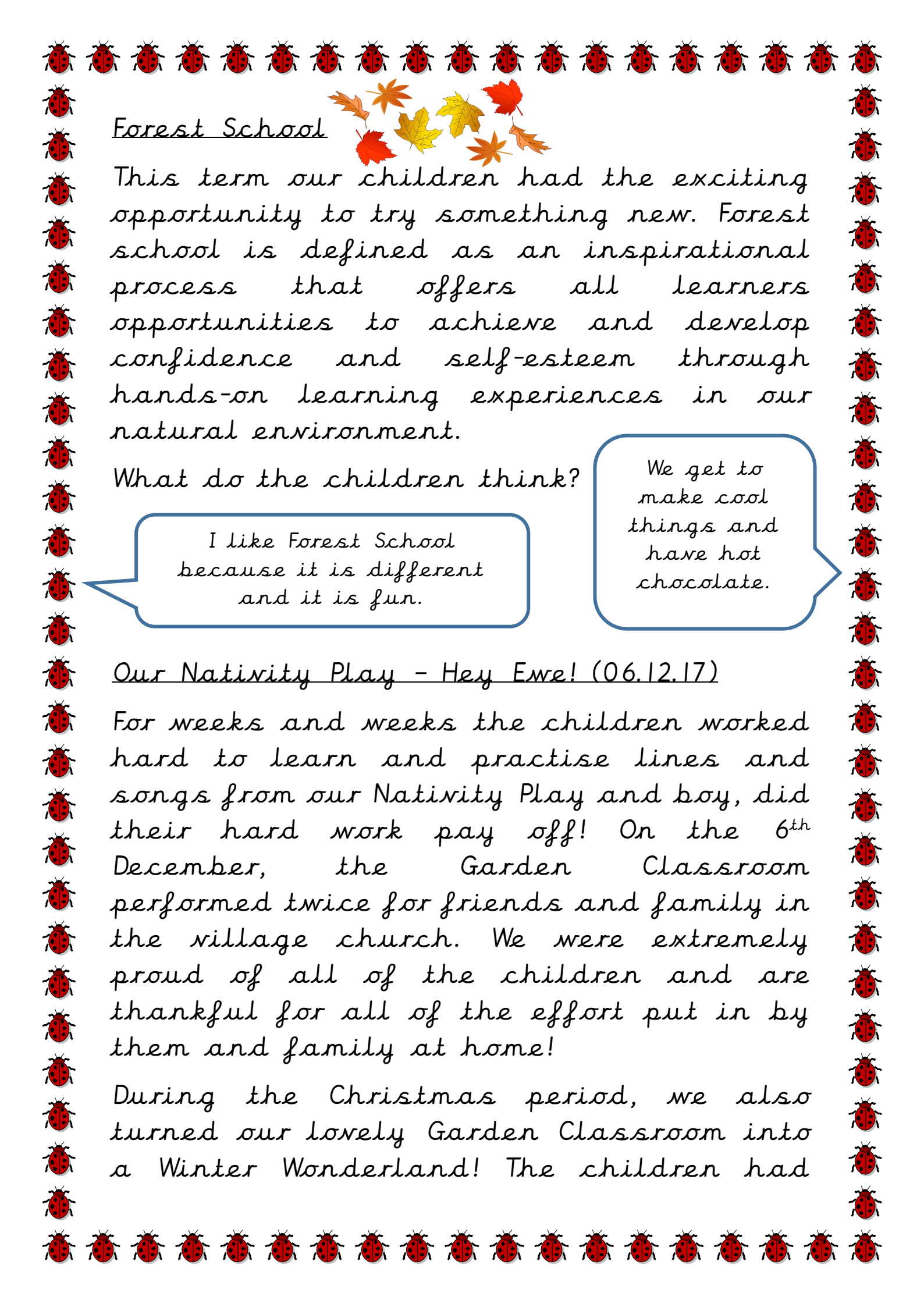
During our tour we also milked a pretend cow. Cows are milked for seven minutes, twice a day.

In the milk parlour we saw lots of machines. Pipes are attached to the cows' udders and the milk travels through these to a big tank where the milk is kept cool.

The milk cooling tank is an important piece of dairy farm equipment because it is used every day to store milk and keep it in good condition.

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Garden Class





Forest School

This term our children had the exciting opportunity to try something new. Forest school is defined as an inspirational process that offers all learners opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in our natural environment.

What do the children think?

I like Forest School because it is different and it is fun.

We get to make cool things and have hot chocolate.

Our Nativity Play - Hey Ewe! (06.12.17)

For weeks and weeks the children worked hard to learn and practise lines and songs from our Nativity Play and boy, did their hard work pay off! On the 6th December, the Garden Classroom performed twice for friends and family in the village church. We were extremely proud of all of the children and are thankful for all of the effort put in by them and family at home!

During the Christmas period, we also turned our lovely Garden Classroom into a Winter Wonderland! The children had

fun making props and resources for the classroom, including wrapping presents, making snowflakes and stockings, painting the chimney and making role play masks. We wrote letters to Santa and in return, he delivered letters to school and left treats in our stockings!

