



# Willow Weaving

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At Hartington C of E Primary school over the past couple of days we have been willow weaving. Willow comes from a tree but when you cut willow it will grow back about a year later. Willow weaving is a lot of fun because willow is extremely bendy and you can make lots of fun things with it. In order to keep it so bendy you have to make sure it is wet all the time because if it goes dry it will just snap when you try to bend it. On the playground fence we have made two trees, a hare and a fox. The lovely people who helped us made us a really nice owl and we named the fantastic owl "Tooty" and we put him on our new willow tree. We made leaves to go on the trees and we also made butterflies and dragonflies out of straw because this is another natural material. We plaited the straw to make the wings of the insects and then added antennae. We put these on our willow trees and we put one on the hare's nose.

It was so much fun doing the willow weaving, we all enjoyed doing it. I thought the best bit was doing the plaiting with the straw sat in the shade of the gazebo on a very hot day. We would not have known how to do the willow weaving without the help of Sally and Claire who taught us.

By KG