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Woodland View Primary School Identify Trees at Brierley Forest Park

Pupils from Woodland View Primary School, Huthwaite, became tree surveyors at Brierley Forest Park on Tuesday (1st May) when they visited the park to compare the difference between trees planted by the school last year and mature trees planted fifteen years ago of the same variety. Pupils from the school had visited Brierley last winter to plant Field Maple and Oak trees as part of Defra's scheme to provide one million trees to primary schools and green spaces.

Organised by the Greenwood Community Forest Team for the Brierley Forest Park Trust, last week's visit saw year 1 pupils get involved in identifying trees and plants as well as becoming squirrels to find out how mammals help spread seeds. After hiding sultana "acorns" around the visitor centre, they then tried to recall where they had left them for safekeeping! A walk to Brierley pond to identify wildflowers and wetland birds completed the day.

Brierley Forest Park Trustee, Michael Straw, was keen to see the school return and said: "We are pleased that the Greenwood Team were able to provide activities linked to the trees planted last winter. The children were very enthusiastic and always enjoy visiting the park. It's great to hear children laughing and enjoying themselves in this outdoor classroom."

Greenwood's Nic Wort, added: "We had a fantastic time on what seemed like the first proper day of spring – warm, sunny, lots of bird song and children's chatter and the trees looking fab in their fresh green leaves. One of the activities was a tree hunt and by the end the children were experts at spotting Field Maple and English Oak trees"

Photo: Greenwood's Nic Wort with pupils and Field Maple and Oak seedlings
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