The World of Plants

Suggestions for following up a visit to Friston Forest.

- Make a collage tree and label the parts of the tree and their functions.

- Work out the age of trees around the school.

- Work out how tall the trees around the school are.

- ‘Bug Hunt a Tree’ – find out how many invertebrates are living in a particular tree near the school.

- Collect a variety of different leaves and sort them into different shapes. Draw leaf patterns on graph paper.

- Explore the world of different leaf shapes by making your own leaf slides to look at leaves you have collected.

- ‘Adopt a Tree’. Choose a tree in the school grounds and keep a diary of what is happening to the tree throughout the year. Record the date of the first leaf to open, when blossom appears, look
for nests and birds that use the tree and record when the last leaf falls.

- Create a touch table with natural objects of different textures or make feely boxes.

- Re-create the parts of a plant using vegetables. E.g. lettuce for petals, celery for the stem. Allow children to use their imaginations.

- Grows herbs in pots on a window sill in the classroom.

- Plant a tree/sow flower seeds.

- Survey your school grounds and find out the names of the plants growing there. You may be surprised at how many there are. Make a record of those you find, describe where they were found and look at the conditions they thrive in. Compare these conditions to find out what suits different plants. Use a quadrat to record what you find.

- Make a tree canopy map.

- If you have a holly tree in your school grounds or local path have a go at investigating the leaves.