

## Kneller Gardens – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Alisha Dave

The lovely Mairi told us that this morning we were nature detectives! We were tasked with finding the various types of fungi in Kneller Gardens. We were educated by Mairi in the different types of fungi such as Candlesnuff fungus, Chicken of the woods, Common puffball, Fly agaric, Jelly ear, King Alfred's cakes, Shaggy ink caps, Stinkhorn and Yellow brain. What unusual names!

On our quest to find fungi, we walked through a beautiful Willow tree, and saw some lovely carved benches, each with an animal carved on top too! Firstly, we saw a bench with a Fox, then came across another bench with a bird carving and one with a woodpecker carving. We found these benches beautiful and they really added to the beauty that is Kneller Gardens. Of course, we fed some hedgehogs on the way, again the scent of the food was very strong! I think we definitely gave the hedgehogs their lunch and dinner. What I took notice of numerous times through Kneller Gardens is the amount of green there is. Until I came across colours such as red or white flowers, see photos below. Autumn brings about all sorts of colours but as I passed some leaves, I took notice of the beautiful auburn and yellow colour of them as you can see in the photo. This was a lovely stroll being nature detectives and was also very fun too! I also took admired how the trees overlap each other and the blue sky so prominent in the background, nature truly is so beautiful.

