

Oak Tree Federation Nature Detectives.

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Good afternoon everyone,

Thank you for all the responses and photos sent in.
The answer to the cryptic quiz was squirrel. Squirrels build enclosed nests called a drey or a den in trees. They look like large tall clumps of sticks and twigs.



When it is really cold several squirrel may share a drey to keep warm, but they don't hibernate and can be seen throughout the winter foraging for food. As show in this photo from Seth.



Lots of you have noticed that nature is still working hard getting ready for the renewed burst of life we see in the spring. Buds are on trees, new shoots are growing from the ground and some winter plants, like Snowdrops are flowering. One thing that you have noticed is the amount of fungi that is around. Here are photos sent in by Seth, Ava and Mya.



Is fungi just a lump of mouldy old stuff or is it really important in our natural world. What do you think? Please be careful with fungi some are very toxic.

Cryptic quiz.
lights spectrum I show on high.
Brightness and cheer to a dull dreary sky.
Of water and light I am made.
My archful colours in the heavens displayed.
Legend has it I have a fortune untold.
Find my ground strike reward of gold.

What am I?

Leave no stone unturned in your exploring but please put it back, it could be somethings home.

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Have a great week.
Take care
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