

Forest Schools



‘Mother Nature has the best box of crayons’



What is forest schools?

Forest School' is a Scandinavian concept where the learning is outdoor based. Many forest school activities evolve from the children's interests, ideas, and the natural resources found in our grounds.

Forest school learning is lifelong with minimal rules. Children are encouraged to become more responsible for each other and themselves.

The outdoor sessions promote confidence, self-esteem and independence. Benefits of forest school sessions include increased confidence, improved behaviour, improved concentration, independence, and development of social, emotional and physical skills.

Forest school is all about exploring and experiencing the natural world through practical activities. The children go outside in all weathers, exploring and learning from the seasons and environment changes. Natural resources stimulate creative thinking, problem solving and skill development, all in the guise of play. The children also learn to care for the environment and appreciate the seasonal changes, developing an empathy for wildlife.

Most importantly, alongside the learning, the children have fun!



Fire starts with the skill of using a flint and steel to create a spark. We then progress to cooking on a campfire.



Carrot peelers are used first on carrots then on sticks as a precursor to whittling beginning in Year 3.



Whatever the weather forest schools goes ahead!

Campfire in
hail and
snow !



How it works!

EYFS participate in forest schools all year round.

All other classes have a full term of forest schools.

The sessions take place in all weathers!

Each class will be split into two groups by the class teacher and so fifteen children at a time take part then they swap with the other half. A class T.A comes out for the afternoon with the groups leaving the class teacher with the remaining fifteen pupils.