





Forest School Overview

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
EYFS	Exploring Autumn Colours Using the environment around us to explore and identify changes in the seasons.	Changes in Spring Exploring changes in Spring with a focus on wildlife in our Forest School environment.	Celebrating Summer Observing the changes in how we use Forest School during the warmer months.
Y1	Appreciating Autumn through Art Using the natural colour palette of Autumn to create art and crafts to reflect the environment.	Nature in our Local Environment Paying close attention to the minibeasts and other creatures who live in our Forest School.	Den Building Beginning to use sheets, tarpaulin and pegs to build simple shelters, appropriate for the warmer weather.
Y2	Autumnal Crafts with Natural Resources Using the leaves, fruit and seeds of Autumn to create art and crafts to reflect the environment.	Supporting Nature Learning how to help the birds, insects and other creatures who live in our Forest School.	Den Building with Natural Resources Gathering sticks, leaves and other natural resources to build shady shelters in warm weather.
Y3	Identifying Flora and Fauna Identification of common plants and animals in our Forest School environment.	Crafting With Tools - Woodwork Skills Applying fine motor and personal risk assessment skills to use woodworking tools safely.	Beginners Knots for Den Building Learning to tie beginning knots applicable to den building, including a basic clove hitch.
Y4	Local Wildlife Conservation Using knowledge of common plants and animals in our Forest School environment to support growth.	Crafting With Tools - Whittling Skills Applying fine motor and personal risk assessment skills to use knives and peelers safely.	Applying Knots to Den Building Further development of knot skills and developing the ability to apply this in practice.







Y5	Developing Den Skills Building on prior knowledge of knots and social skills to build dens successfully in groups.	Wildlife Watch - Identification Developing independent knowledge of common garden birds, insects and mammals.	Group Campfire Skills Applying personal safety and fine motor skills to begin to build a successful group campfire.
Y6	Building Shelters for Protection Applying prior learning to build safe, waterproof shelters independently in groups.	Wildlife Watch - Conservation and Preservation Using independent knowledge of common garden birds, insects and mammals to support them.	Developing Campfire Skills Further development of campfire skills, including using fire strikers independently to create and maintain small fires.