

How does Forest School meet the Early Years Foundation Stage seven areas of learning?

Personal social and emotional development

- Opportunities to engage in an interest and persist for extended periods of time
- To gain confidence by trying something new
- To develop teamwork skills that includes listening, negotiating and planning
- To select resources and explore their environment independently

Physical development

- Develops gross motor skills-running climbing, lifting, rolling, using ropes
- Develops fine motor skills-threading, tool use, craft activities, knot tying
- Develops an awareness of personal space
- Supports managing hygiene
- Uses a variety of real equipment and tools for a real purpose
- Develops understanding of safety measures

Communication and language

- Opportunities to develop conversational skills in a practical context
- To develop talk about interests and activities
- To use language to problem solve
- To develop vocabulary relating to natural world

Literacy

- Opportunities to develop stories
- Develop mark-making skills
- Know information can be retrieved from books

Mathematics

- Opportunities for counting and calculating various materials and in games
- For problem solving, such as measuring
- To encourage descriptive and positional language
- To compare shape, size and colours

Understanding of the world

- Encourage exploration using all senses
- Encourage questioning and investigation
- Opportunities to find out and identify features of living things
- Opportunities for construction using real tools, resources and equipment
- Develops an understanding of seasons and weather
- Potential for use of ICT

Expressive arts and design

- To create using a variety of tools and media
- To explore colours and textures
- Opportunities to make musical instruments
- To use their imagination in role-play



Forest School

A real life experience for children to enjoy!