



Key Stage 2 (Forest School) Curriculum Map 2023 - 24

Forest School is mostly child-led and promotes open-ended opportunities in which children can develop their own ideas. Adults facilitate their play, and teach skills and safety procedures. The skills and activities vary depending on the weather and time of year. The first week of Forest School sessions typically start with den building and learning the rules to keep safe in the woods.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 3	<p>Reminding ourselves of the rules learnt in KS1. Are we ready for forest school with the right clothing for the season? Can I use a hammer safely and accurately for various activities? Can I make a bird feeder and wait patiently to see if a robin comes?</p> <p>Heathlands trips to Horsell Common – Can I name a bird that nests on the ground? Can I name a plant that is only found on heathland?</p>		
Year 4		<p>What are the rules to keep us safe? Can I saw wood ready for an activity? Can I split wood ready for the fire using a bill hook? Can I look for insects and treat them with respect?</p> <p>Heathlands trips to Horsell Common – Can I name a bird that nests on the ground? Can I name a plant that is only found on heathland? Can I compare the heathland to the school's wet woodland?</p>	
Year 5		<p>Can I learn how to tie dye using natural colourings? Can I confidently make a den? Can I confidently identify what three things are needed to make fire? Can I light a fire with a flint and steel, and cotton wool?</p>	
Year 6			<p>Can I use secateurs safely to cut small twigs? Can I use the knots I know to secure a swing to a branch and to secure the hammock? Can I work as a team to put up the communal shelter?</p>



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