

Curriculum Overview – Forest School – 2024-2025



Year Group	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Pre-School	To be aware of the boundaries set and of behavioral expectations in the forest school sessions Exploring Autumn	Art using clay, make a hedgehog. Why do we make bird feeders when it gets cold?	How to keep warm in winter Building an obstacle course Exploring Winter	To begin to be able to build small shelters Exploring Spring	Begin to identify bugs Use magnifying glasses to look for bugs safely	Begin to identify wild flowers Exploring summer
Reception	To be aware of the boundaries set, and of behavioral expectations in the forest school sessions Exploring Autumn	Introduction to hibernation Creating Christmas decorations	Learning fire safety Cooking popcorn Exploring Winter	Look for signs of Spring Collect worms safely Exploring Spring	To build a shelter for a bug Do all bugs live in the same place?	Introduction to using tools safely Whittling with a potato peeler Using a hammer to create a picture.
Year 1	Getting creative with Autumn leaves	Why do hedgehogs hibernate? Creating Christmas decorations	To be aware of the environment Winter scavenger hunt	Can I be safe around the fire? Toasting marshmallows	Identify and name a variety of common wildflowers including deciduous and evergreen trees.	Introduction to using flint and steel Becoming confident using a peeler to whittle
Year 2	To explore Land Art	To be able to identify which woodland animals hibernate	Cook apples dipped in honey to celebrate Rosh Hashanah for the sweet year ahead.	Why are dandelions important to bees? Make a pinecone bee Make dandelion and lemon cookies	To learn how to successfully sow vegetable seeds What will they need to grow? How do you look after them?	Looking at different habitats animals live in Exploring micro habitats
Year 3	To be able to use a compass for simple directions Create a skeleton out of sticks	To use a saw safely Cutting a wood cookie to make a Christmas decoration	Why do trees have bark? How wide is the tree trunk?	Fire safety Prepare and cook pancakes Explore natural dye to use as ink	Ancient Egypt - Make an Ancient Egypt out of clay Using charcoal write a secret message in Hieroglyphics	Practice using flint and steel safely Creating a happazome picture using a hammer safely

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Year 4	Migration	Using tools safely Palm drills to make conker necklaces Prepare and cook seasonal vegetable soup.	Teamwork and trust Build a den Guide your blindfolded partner around forest school	Practicing useful knots	Classification Classify vertebrates or invertebrates Different leaf formations	Summer solstice To weave a pendant of the sun
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