

Adventures at Forest School

WHO

EYFS



WHAT

Stick Insect Class do Forest School every week. They dress themselves in their outdoor clothing and take responsibility for carrying the equipment we need. Every week we start with the rules and a boundary walk. Then the children explore and follow their own interests with provocations from staff. Children have a whole afternoon outside in all weathers giving them time and space to explore.



WHY

Forest School supports children in all areas of the curriculum. It develops resilience, curiosity, independence, sense of community and respect so encompasses all our school values. Children learn to take risks and risk assess themselves, helping them to develop and understand the feeling when something feels safe or not. It supports children's language development and gives them freedom and space to explore nature.

IMPACT

'I love Forest School. Fire is my favourite it makes me feel calm'
(Reception pupil)

'I like playing monsters with my friends. If I fall, they help me get up' (Nursery pupil)

'I like to build; I work with my friends.'
(reception pupil)

'I love seeing the photos of my son at Forest school. I see him interacting with his class and looking happy and relaxed.'
(parent)

'I love seeing the different personalities of the children coming out at Forest School. We see children present differently and take on leadership roles, being more adventurous, taking on responsibilities and communicating their ideas with their friends.'
(teacher)