

# Forest School

Welcome to Forest school! This is where the journey begins.....and like any great story we enter slowly through the big brown wooden gate into nature. We go quietly as we start to hear a noise... is it a bird, mouse, fairy or a dragon? The wind whistles by, the leaves start to rustle and the Forest School adventure begins. Forest School is the place where magic can start to happen as imaginations, self-confidence and vocabulary start to grow.



Every visit to Forest School will be in the same place, yet the story will always change and be different. The amazing memories and adventures that take place in Forest School will always be enjoyed. In Forest School all children are given the opportunity to access, experience and enjoy learning while working in the outside environment. We take the “classroom” outside and use the beautiful surroundings, weather and sounds to enhance their learning visually, orally and sensually. This holistic approach encourages children’s imagination, build’s self-esteem and creates the desire to understand, learn and respect the natural world around them. The children are in a safe environment where they can succeed, create and work collaboratively with others – building relationships. It is through exploration and discovery that the children are able to enjoy and self-initiate their own learning.



In Forest School children are able to take calculated risks in a controlled environment. They learn cause and effect and what may or could happen. They are

given the opportunity and responsibility under supervision, to use tools and help be part of a team, creating a fire to keep them warm and cook food. 2 Equality, achievement and self-belief help children to return to the classroom feeling that they can accomplish and succeed in whatever they do. Every child is valued and their input is vital; we work as a team and they are able to respect and treat each other fairly and as equals.