

All pupils follow structured sessions to support their routine and needs



Forest School Curriculum



Trained staff will adjust routines and support any pupils who become unsettled

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE BASED ON PUPILS NEEDS AND INTERESTS

Intent: At Fox Wood, the focus of Forest School is to enable all pupils the opportunity of exploration and to flourish in their self-confidence, increase their independence and excel in their communication. This is at the heart of enhancing pupils wellbeing and the school community. Both will be promoted through all sessions.

At Fox Wood, we aim for every child to access the Forest School area. This will be throughout lessons, enrichment groups and Enhanced Provision activities. Opportunities will be rotated to ensure that all pupils access the environment.

We aim for all sessions to incorporate working together, problem solving, build self-esteem, support risk taking and work on enhancing practical skills, which can then be transferred into the classroom. We also aim for sessions to be fun, practical and spark children's love of learning in the outdoors.

Curriculum links

- PHSE
- Life skills
- Number skills
- Speaking and listening
- Science
- Functional Skills (e.g. using tools)
- Much more!

Assessment:

- EFL Evidence Collection
- EFL monitoring
- Well-being survey
- Progress against wider EHCP targets

Implementation:

- Friday afternoon enrichment
- After school clubs
- Further develop Forest school area and timetable to enable more pupils to access the outdoors

Impact:

- Increase pupils' positive mental health
- Pupils to gain confidence outdoors
- Pupils to benefit from wider opportunities to learn about the world around them
- To increase communication, team work, social interaction and problem solving opportunities

Our sessions (example routine 1):

- Rules
- Hello song
- Share time table
- Activity 1 and 2
- Snack
- Song
- Game
- Goodbye time

Our sessions (example routine 2):

- Hello song
- Forest school song
- Explore surroundings
- Activity 1 and 2
- Song
- Goodbye time

All sessions are adapted to meet the needs and ability levels of our pupils

Communication Opportunities:

- AAC/Switches
- Intensive Interaction
- On body signs
- Objects of reference
- Sensory cues
- Makaton/signing
- Photographs/Symbols/ PECs/ PODD
- Eye Gaze
- Ipad

Outdoor Learning:

- All staff will be encouraged to promote outdoor learning as often as possible
- Forest activities pack will be provided to each class
- General resources available outside for classes to use
- Trained staff will deliver Forest School