



Forest Schools at Farnworth CE Primary

The main purpose of Forest Schools is to provide children with skills that will support them in various aspects of life, and to provide children with the tools to become independent. Although it provides amazing experiences such as learning to use tools and to build a shelter, the real learning is happening on a much deeper level. The children are developing social and communication skills, risk awareness, confidence, resilience, creativity, environmental awareness and doing it all through experiences that they would not be able to do inside a classroom.

Children are given the opportunity to learn in an entirely different environment; one that can adapt to their needs, whether that is the need to let off steam and be loud and adventurous, or whether they need a quiet moment to sit and experience the forest around them. Children that are often quiet inside a classroom come alive in this environment and often find their voice, a confidence that they take back into the classroom with them.

Children in KS1 will have a block of sessions each year, where they will build on knowledge and skills from the previous year. They will experience sessions based on woodcraft, shelter building, fire, nature and knot tying. Children in other classes will take part in experience days throughout the school year, meaning that every child at Farnworth will be given the opportunity to take part in Forest School sessions.

