



# All about our Forest School

*Forest School is a unique way of bringing the great outdoors experience into the familiar school environment. Our Forest School is used by children in all year groups, providing opportunity to play, design and create in the context of a woodland environment in a small group.*

Activities are scaffolded by an adult, with the children then self-directing throughout the session. This is an important element of Forest School as it enables children to develop skills in leadership, collaboration, risk assessment as well as applying their curriculum knowledge in a real life context.



Our Forest School has been received well by the children and staff, creating an inclusive learning and exploration environment.



**When children become foresters they are viewed as:**

***Equal, unique and valuable.***

***Competent to explore & discover.***

***Entitled to experience appropriate risk and challenge.***

***Entitled to choose, and to initiate and drive their own learning and development***

***Entitled to experience regular success.***

***Entitled to develop positive relationships with themselves and other people.***

***Entitled to develop a strong, positive relationship with their natural world.***



So far our children have created structures, artworks, roasted marshmallows and expanded their learning beyond the classroom in subjects such as English, Maths and Science!

Our Forest School is located at the back of the key stage 2 playground, secluded by camouflage covering to provide an authentic atmosphere.

We love our KA Forest School and are looking forward to furthering its development.



