

How will it enhance children's learning?



What does a Forest School session involve?

A typical early years session starts with planning by the Forest School leader. Children put on outdoor clothing and walk to the woodland site. Forest School activities might include learning how to build a fire on which to cook bread dough or popcorn. They will be told that they need to gather firewood, and the teacher will discuss which type of wood burns best by showing examples of green and dead wood. The children will be asked to find three or more different lengths and thicknesses of wood to start the fire, which leads them to practise their mathematical skills as they add and subtract different twigs and try to assess their thickness and dryness. These activities also allow the children to develop linguistically because they are describing spontaneously what they are doing as well as talking about the feel and appearance of the twigs they are collecting (e.g. describing whether they are wet, dry, long, fat or thin). The children may then be directed, with the help of an adult, to use a peeler or eventually a fixed blade knife to whittle long sticks for cooking.



Idle C. E Primary School

What is Forest School?



Forest School is for all children and young people.



Forest School builds on a child's innate motivation and positive attitude to learning, offering them the opportunities to take risks, make choices and initiate learning for themselves.



Forest School is organised and run by qualified Forest School leaders.



Forest School maximises the learning potential of local woodland through frequent and regular experiences throughout the year, not a one-off visit.



Forest School helps children to understand, appreciate and care for the natural environment.

Forest School Activities

Shelter building



Woodland Art

Learning to tie knots.

Make pencils, jewellery, frames and many more!



Camp fires and cooking

Would you like to help?

Please speak to Mrs Thompson for more information.