

Forest School Planning Binley Wood Primary School

Year 2 – Autumn Term 1

Each session is ‘true’ Forest School, where sessions follow the forest school child led ethos, which sparks impromptu conversations and learning opportunities. Children are encouraged to have imaginative play and practitioners will support any projects and ideas that the children have in the area.

Each lesson, a craft activity is planned and offered to the children depending on the season, natural resources availability and interest.

Having fun during the sessions and getting involved with the children’s games is also a big factor as this helps to supports their wellbeing and self esteem.

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Skills</u>
Rules, sticky elbows, fruit smoothie game, stuck in the mud, Amanda Says	To help reinforce safety and expectations in a fun way, listening skills, rule following, cooperation
Walk around site and woods	Orienteering and location
Identified Alder, Silver Birch and Cherry	Talked about differences and identifying features
Making nature crowns	Creativity, using natural resources, imaginative play, leaf identification
Bug hotels ‘Btingham Palace’	Discussion around where the best place to build, what will you use, habitats, food webs
Mini Teddy dens	Constructing mini dens for various soft toy animals, imagination, team work, discussion
Lining up in name order practice	Listening and instruction following, memory, cooperation,
Magic Wands	Creative skills leading to imaginative play
Make a cardboard fairy door	Creativity, a sense of wonder
Nature Scavenger Hunts	Tree/leaf identification, investigating, observing the world around, looking at detail
Story	Reading outside
Conker Caterpillars	Using natural resources, fine motor skills, creativity
Camouflage Masks	Discussing camouflage, creativity, using natural resources, Identify that a conker is the seed from the horse chestnut tree
Den building	Using various den building materials – tarpaulins, fabric, ropes (knot skills) to create a den. Group work, communication, reviewing at the end
Hammocks	Safe use, turn taking, rule following, wellbeing, relaxation