

Forest School Planning Binley Wood Primary School

Year 4 – Spring Term 2 (four sessions due to to strike action)

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 (not in date order)</u>	<u>Skills</u>
World Book Day	Read Icarus (Greek Mythology) story, recreated elements from the story eg tower, maze, mini mitador den, wings using natural resources found in the woodland
Games	Orange, Apple, Banana to help with fires circle safety reinforcing to go around the outside of fire circle
Holly ID (World Maths Day)	Used math skills to count and tally the number of spikes on 20x holy leaves and looked at results. Discussed plant adaptations – Why are holly leaves only spiky at the bottom?
Egg hunt/Den building challenge	Answering nature linked questions (eg hibernation, camouflage, species ID) to gain den building material – tarpaulins, ropes, clips, mallet/tent pegs. Creative freedom to build and design a den. Gross motor skills, knot skills, use of materials, group cooperation and discussion
Magic Wands/creative play	Creative skills leading to imaginative play
Hammocks	Turn taking, mindfulness, motor skills, reflection
Clay (poor weather outside)	Creativity making and designing a clay creature. Using natural resources found on a walk and googley eyes and feathers provided
Snow play	Making the biggest snow ball – team skills, cooperation. Turing the snow balls into a giant snow snake. Embracing the weather
Measuring and comparing tree stem girth	Using rope and then measuring that rope against a tape measure to find which tree was the biggest
Symmetry	Attempt at a butterfly reflection symmetry picture using natural resources
Repeating pattern	Ordering and sorting different sized willow sticks to make a repeating pattern