

Forest School Planning Binley Wood Primary School

Year 1 – Autumn Term 2 (7 sessions)

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 support their wellbeing and self esteem.

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Skills</u>
Rules, sticky elbows, games	To help reinforce safety and expectations in a fun way
Designed labels	Made name labels for clothes pegs using sweet chestnut leaves. Nature art. Practice name writing on different mediums
Identified Alder, Silver Birch and Cherry	Talked about differences and identifying features
Toad (species ID)	Discussed what made it a toad and not a frog
Mini Shelters	Mini shelters for animal teddies using natural resources. Discussion around where the best place to build, what will you use, habitats, food webs
Hibernation / Autumn	Discussed what this is and what it means for animals
Slack line	Balancing, gross motor skills, turn taking, supporting each other
Magic Wands	Creative skills leading to imaginative play
Tool use / Hapa Zome	Using hammers to create prints from ferns onto fabric
Conker Caterpillars	Tree/leaf identification, fine motor skills, using natural resources to create take home art
Fire	Roasting a marshmallow (s'more) on the fire, practicing fire safety, following good hygiene practice, cooking
Stickman	Children listened to the story and were going to see Stickman on stage the week after. Practised knots whilst wrapping wool around sticks to create characters
Hedgehogs	Used mud to model shapes and sticks to create spikes – encouraging children to get muddy and using different materials to create new shapes