

Outdoor Learning Programme

A programme designed to take learning outside for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 2.

The programme is primarily delivered outdoors through a range of hands on activities to learn, discover and explore Wyre Forest. We are happy to adapt the programme to meet your needs.

Bringing the curriculum to life, your forest experience will be enhanced by SMSC outcomes whichever session you choose.

These outcomes include; fostering an appreciation of the environment, an understanding of the wider world around you and a respect for living things.

Art and Music



Creative Forest

Using the work of Andrew Goldsworthy as inspiration to create our own land art masterpiece. Collect colours and textures from nature.

Sounds of the forest

Take a moment to sit and listen to the sound of the forest. Then use this inspiration to create our own musical instruments and forest score.

Science



Woodland Flora Plant Explorer

Discover a range of plants found in the forest on a Plant Spotter Trail. Discover parts of a flowering plant and the 'Needs of a Seed'.

Forest Investigators

A look at trees and how the forest is cared for. Can link to a comparison of Rainforests for a full day activity.

Seasonal Detectives

Join us for a seasonal exploration of the forest we will use a range of sensory and hands on activities.

Who Dunn it?

Explore the concepts of omnivore, herbivore and carnivore. Solving clues and using your detective skills. Links to food chains and a chance to touch and feel the animals in the Discovery Centre.

Classification

Use data gathered on a leaf hunt, minibeast hunt or pond dip to sort and classify your finds. Make your own simple key to take home.

States of Matter

A look at everyday materials and their properties. We look at gases, liquids and solids and the variety of forms that can be found in the Forest.

Living Things

Explore some of the smaller inhabitants of the forest habitat. You can choose from a minibeast hunt or pond dip or combine both for a full day activity.

These sessions can be linked to classification, food chains or habitat studies.

Forest Rocks

A look at rocks and their properties. Make your own soil and experiment with the process of weathering, make and take home your own Wyre Forest Fossil.

Geography



Mapping

A half-day session looking at mapping. Create a forest floor map. Use an OS map to discover the 8 points of the compass and to understand 4 and 6 figure grid references.

Orienteering

Explore the forest and hone your new found mapping skills using one of the Orienteering trails.

History



Stone Age for a day

Step back in time to discover life in the Stone Age. Make fire, cook Stone Age recipe bread, create a simple clay pot, and create your own mud cave painting. Top it all off with a hunt through the forest to spot pre-historic animals.

Anglo Saxon for a day

Create your own wattle and daub structure, experiment with natural dyes, make your own bow and arrow and role play Settlers and Invaders.

PSHE



Festive Forest

Seasonal activity looking at the forest in Winter. Create your own festive decoration from natural resources and for a full day add a campfire and story of your choice. Mid-November onwards.

Capture the Flag

Who can capture their opponents' flag first? You'll need strategy, communication and teamwork to become the Forest Champions!

Into the Woods

A sensory exploration of the forest, meet a tree blindfolded, discover the difference between broadleaf and coniferous trees. Touch and feel mammals and birds that make the forest their home.

Forest Survivor

Could you survive in the forest? Discover the art of shelter building and fire lighting. Celebrate your new found skills with a Marshmallow toasted over your fire. Turn this full day activity into a treat with a campfire cooked lunch.

Literacy



When's a Stick not a Stick?

When it's a metaphor! Use trees as the inspiration to create your own forest poem with a range of hands on activities. Including Meet a Tree, Leaf Windows and a stick craft. Can be linked to the Stick Man story.

Forest Fables

Bring traditional tales and modern classics to life with a range of hands-on activities. Choose from a wide range of stories please see the website for details.

Numeracy



Tree-mendous Maths!

Use a range of mathematical techniques to measure height, girth and age of a tree. Find shapes and patterns in natural things around the forest.

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