

Our Forest School Ethos

Forest school is an inspirational and valuable experience that will enrich children's learning, inspiring and developing a curiosity about the natural world around them.

We will provide children with the opportunity to play; access and assess risk, build self-esteem and confidence, social interaction and resilience which allows them to engage in activities and with others in a creative and encouraging environment, allowing them to reach their full potential as individuals.

Forest School Location

Here at Christ Church Infants we are very lucky to have access to the Christ Church Junior School grounds. The copse is a spectacular woodland space that the children will enjoy exploring throughout the changing seasons.

The site is safe and secure and only used by the two schools. It is maintained regularly and will always be checked before children arrive.

What happens at Forest School?

Our Forest School is led by qualified Forest School Practitioners.

We believe that children learn best from hands on experience. Forest School sessions allow children to explore and learn through planned activities and free play. Opportunities to build upon self-esteem, teamwork and a sense of independence are important at Forest School.

The Forest School leaders will observe each child and assess their needs and requirements. Planning for each session will be based upon ideas and needs from the children and will have links to the curriculum.

Activities may include;

- Mud painting, mud pies
- Shelter building
- Problem solving
- Creative activities
- Team building games

Circle time to include drinking hot chocolate and marshmallows

Many more activities may take place and will be child led.

Children are encouraged to create what comes naturally to them in a safe way. Forest school allows children to express their ideas freely, which may develop strategies to cope with different situations.

Our Aims

Forest School is an opportunity for your child to learn through experiencing nature and the outdoor environment in a secure, safe and hands on way.

- Freedom to explore - the environment provides space and time to be active and interactive.
- To inspire curiosity, fascination and interest. Opportunity to develop their imagination and be inventive and resourceful.
- Opportunity to meet challenges and learn to handle risk.
- Experience a sense of awe and wonder at the natural environment.

Travelling to Forest School

For each Forest School session the children will be walking to and from Christ Church Junior School.

This is a short walk from our School around 10 minutes each way.

Children's clothing

Forest School is an opportunity for Children to learn whilst investigating and exploring! Therefore suitable clothing will be needed for the well-being of your child.

- Sturdy boots, wellies or trainers
- Long trousers and warm layers, long sleeved top
- Waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers (if available or school will provide)
- Hat (warm for winter. Sunhat for summer) Gloves

Sunscreen to be applied before school.

The children will be engaging in activities that can get them and their clothing dirty. Please take this into consideration when choosing clothing for your child.

Forest School

Forest School offers diverse learning opportunities, allowing children to benefit from a supportive curriculum that helps them to build positive values and attitudes.

For further information please contact a member of the Forest School team where we will be happy to help.



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