

FOREST SCHOOL - Intent, Implementation and Impact



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Forest School is a unique method of outdoor learning. At St George's Catholic Primary School our intention is to for children to engage confidently with the natural environment and gain a broad range of outdoor knowledge, understanding and skill. Through providing positive outdoor experiences, children will: • Learn to be responsible and interact positively with the outdoor environment. • Develop social skills, independency and imagination. • Develop exploration, risk taking, problem solving and natural enquiry. • Use their own initiative, co-operate and work with others.	• The children in Reception and Year 1 go out in all weathers, all year round, exploring and learning from the seasons and environment changes. • Forest School Leaders plan and undertake varied outdoor learning sessions to reinforce a broad range of classroom themes. • Learning outside involves: -Utilising outdoor activities to develop social interactions and team work. -The opportunity for children to use basic tools confidently and safely. -Engaging in fire lighting, outdoor cooking and den building. -Recognising and naming common plants and animals in the local environment. -Teaching the children about respect and responsibility for the world around them.	The success of forest school allows the children to: • Grow in confidence as a result of the freedom, time and space they are given in their learning. • Complete activities which will help teach them to work together as a group, strengthens their bonds and social skills. • Show respect for the outdoors and the ability to take responsible actions when engaging with the outdoor environment. • Successfully undertake practical skills • Be confident and show a keen interest in the outdoor environment and the world around them.

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