



Our Forest School Nursery Curriculum

A Nature-Rich Start to Learning

We believe the best classroom is the great outdoors! At our Forest School Nursery, children learn through daily adventure, playful exploration, and a deep connection with the natural world. Our education follows the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**, ensuring your child meets all essential learning goals.

Our setting is the woodland! This natural environment is the perfect space for hands-on learning that builds independence, confidence, and a naturally curious mind. Our curriculum seamlessly blends the free-spirited, child-led exploration of Forest School with the structured learning outcomes to ensure your child is learning, growing, and developing key skills through regular, exciting, and meaningful experiences outside.

Your child will spend their days happily exploring, climbing, building, creating, and making discoveries at their own pace. All this is gently guided by our experienced educators who are dedicated to nurturing confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong joy of learning.

How Your Child Will Learn

Growing Communication and Language

We gather for stories under the trees, sing songs, and explore new words as we discover plants, insects, hidden treasures alongside many spontaneous learning opportunities. Your child will have endless opportunities to chat, share ideas, and listen to friends.

Building Strength and Confidence

From balancing on logs to using tools safely, every day helps children grow strong and coordinated. We climb, run, dig, and build shelters, learning how to take safe, measured risks along the way.

Nurturing Social and Emotional Skills

Working together to build dens, care for living creatures, and solve little challenges helps children develop teamwork, empathy, and resilience. We have regular reflection circles where everyone can share feelings and celebrate achievements.

Encouraging a Love of Stories and Words

Children make marks in mud with natural treasures. We listen to and tell stories, encouraging early literacy in a way that feels playful and connected to their adventures such as 'We are Going on a bear hunt'



Exploring Numbers and Problem-Solving

Counting leaves, sorting sticks by size, or measuring puddles turns maths into a real-life adventure. We explore patterns, shapes, and problem-solving naturally during play.

Discovering the World Around Us

Children watch seasons change, look for animal habitats, and explore the life cycles of plants and insects. Planting and watching our own vegetables grow. We use simple science activities like floating leaves or watching shadows spark curiosity and wonder.

Expressing Creativity

Your child will create art from leaves, clay, and sticks, make music with natural objects, and engage in imaginative role play inspired by their surroundings.

A Day in the Forest

- **Welcome Circle:** We sing, greet each other, and set our intentions for the day.
 - **Forest School Session/Safety Circle:** Discussing how we keep safe.
 - **Free Exploration:** Children lead the way, choosing what to play and discover.
 - **Small Group Activities:** Our educators offer gentle invitations to try new things and develop skills.
 - **Snack Time:** Shared outdoors, encouraging independence and social skills.
 - **Reflection Circle:** Time to share what we've discovered and celebrate successes.
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Why Parents Love Our Approach

Our curriculum doesn't just prepare children for school – it prepares them for life. By spending time outdoors every day, children become confident, independent, and resilient, developing a deep respect for nature and a lifelong love of learning.