

Curriculum Mapping in Forest School

KS3 (Years 5–9)

Overall themes plus projects such as making bird feeders, bug habitats and maintaining our Forest School site.

Pupils have the opportunity to use tools and develop skills progressively.

They participate in activities that encourage independence, resilience, creativity, problem solving, communication, and group work to enhance their well-being, connection with nature, and self-confidence. Each half term ends with a campfire.

Year	Term	Theme	Content	Key Skills
5-7	Autumn	Leaves & natural materials	Tree and leaf identification Art and crafts with natural materials Remembrance activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gross motor and creative skills Environmental awareness Knowledge on the local environment
5-7	Spring	Team building	Games and team building activities RSPB bird watch activities Winter and spring themed activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social and communication skills Problem solving Listening skills, collaboration and teamwork
5-7	Summer	Cross Curricular	Local ecosystems and adaptations Bushcraft skills Navigation and map skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental awareness Practical skills Listening skills, collaboration and teamwork
8	Autumn	Knots	Learn basic knots Craft and survival activities using knots Remembrance activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical and gross motor skills Creativity and collaboration
8	Spring	Team building	Games and team building activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social and communication skills

			RSPB bird watch activities Winter and spring themed activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving • Listening skills, collaboration and teamwork
8	Summer	Cross Curricular	Bushcraft skills Navigation and map skills Connecting with nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental awareness • Practical skills • Listening skills, collaboration and teamwork
9	Autumn	Survival	Survival skills including shelter building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical skills • Listening skills, collaboration and teamwork • Risk management & safety
9	Spring	Team building	Projects and team building activities RSPB birdwatch activities Winter and spring themed activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and communication skills • Problem solving • Listening skills, collaboration and teamwork
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