

Overview of Outdoor Learning provision including Forest School Skills 2024-2025

This year, we will follow the same overall pattern as previous years, giving the children the opportunity to recall and build on existing knowledge. There will be a variety of new activities on offer this year with further development of the Forest School aspects of the programme.

EYFS and KS1 will have a session each week with a TA accompanying them. KS2 will alternate half termly for their weekly sessions which will have a much stronger Forest School focus and will allow them to work on a project over a few weeks. Callum McCarty will be working with me at Freshwater and Yarmouth with KS2 while he completes his Forest School Leader training.

Our Federation Outdoor Learning Day is on Monday 16th June 2025. Please could subject leaders for Art, Science, Geography, History and PE (orienteeing) devise activities for this day (to be discussed at the staff meeting for Outdoor Learning on 21st January 2025).

Outdoor Classroom Day <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/> dates this year are 7th November and 23rd May.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
It's a Bug's Life	As the World Turns	Watch the Birdie	Catch the Wind	How does your garden grow?	A Sense of Wonder
Minibeasts - hunt, observe, identify, copy, shelter, create. Forest School Skills Use small hand tools - secateurs, peelers, palm drills	Changes in nature Building shelters Winter Tree ID Forest School Skills Shelter building Fire lighting, campfire cooking Conservation	Birds - observe, identify, feed, shelter, count Forest School Skills Fire lighting, campfire cooking Species ID Shelter building	Weather watch - observe, record. Kites and aeroplanes. Wind turbines. Forest School Skills Use tools - saws, drills, knives, froes	Plant and nurture seedlings. Create and maintain garden beds. Forest School Skills Species ID Conservation	Exploring our senses in the outdoors. Art Sensory garden Forest School Skills Woodland crafts Use tools
Y3&4 Use tools to make a bug - saw, froe, drill, knife. Build shelters Fires - building, striking, tending, extinguishing.	Y5&6 Use tools to make a bug - saw, froe, drill, knife. Build shelters Fires - building, striking, tending, extinguishing.	Y3&4 Identify species - birds, insects, trees. Conservation Build shelters Campfire cooking	Y5&6 Identify species - birds, insects, trees. Conservation Build shelters Campfire cooking	Y3&4 Forest art and craft with found materials. Use tools - secateurs, peeler, knife, palm drill. Build structures for the garden.	Y5&6 Forest art and craft with found materials. Use tools - secateurs, peeler, knife, palm drill. Build structures for the garden.