





SKILLS	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Boundaries, Risk Taking, Safety	I listen carefully to the boundaries of Forest School and can point to them and stay within them, with adult support. I can say some of the rules and safety procedures of the fire circle, with adult support. I can travel safely along rough ground. I can carry sticks safely. I know not to pick or eat anything from the Forest School area.	I can identify where the boundaries are and stay within them, with adult supervision. I know and can explain the rules and safety procedures of the fire circle.	I can identify and explain where the boundaries are and stay within them, with adult supervision. I can manage risks while travelling safely along rough ground. I can help adults to safely transport simple tools to the forest school area.	I can identify and confidently explain where the boundaries are. I can remain within the boundaries without adult support. I can support peers with the safety rules and procedures of Forest School. I can confidently retell and adhere to the fire circle and safety rules, with adult supervision.	I can support larger groups of peers with the safety rules and procedures of Forest School. I can navigate different uneven terrains with confidence, without adult supervision.	I can be involved in deciding the forest school safety rules. I can collaborate decisions of the forest school boundaries and remain within them. I can adhere to the rules and safety procedures without adult support. I can support other children to adhere to the rules and safety procedures.	I can lead decisions of the forest school boundaries and remain within them. I can lead small groups of peers to adhere to the rules and safety procedures. I can perform a simple risk assessment prior to forest school sessions.
Shelter Building	I can help build a shelter (e.g. dens) with a small group of peers and adults. I can help build a tepee and use natural and man-	I can use a variety of materials to make my own mini shelter, including using a tripod method (for example, for fairies and elves).	I can use a mallet safely with adult supervision. I can secure tent pegs using a mallet, independently.	I can work as a team to build various shelters including a lean-to shelter, with adult support.	I can independently tie clove hitch knots to strengthen structures, such as teepees, lean-to shelters etc.	I can work as a team to build a waterproof shelter independently. I can independently tie reef knots to	I can independently tie "round turn two half hitches" knots. I can complete shelter







	made materials with	I can describe the		I can design my		attach shelter	challenges, for
	a small group of	materials I have	I can tie a simple	own mini shelters		materials.	example, to work
	peers and adults.	used.	knot to secure	(for example, for			in a group to
			rope or string.	animals, fairies or		I can work as a	build our own
	I can use a mallet	I can work with a		elves) and explain		team to build a	shelters. I can
	safely to hit in tent	large group of		what I used and		tepee shelter using	reflect on my
	pegs, with adult	peers and adults to		how I built it.		camouflage	previous learning
	supervision.	build a waterproof				netting.	to select
		shelter.					appropriate
	I can build small						methods to build
	shelters, for						challenge
	example for fairies						shelters.
	and elves, with						
	adult support.						I can compare
							and evaluate my
							shelter with my
							peers'.
	I can carefully listen	I know and	I can use a hand	I understand and	I can safely use the	I can confidently	I can use a bow
	to the tool safety	understand the	drill to make small	can confidently tell	tools and explain	tell others about	saw to cut wood,
	rules e.g. knowing	tool safety rules.	holes in thin pieces	others about the	their appropriate	the safety rules	with adult
	to sit / stand safely		of wood.	tool safety rules.	uses.	and demonstrate	supervision.
	in your own bubble.	I can use basic				how to store tools	
Using Tools &		tools confidently	I can use secateurs	I can use basic		safely.	I can use a
Equipment	I can use basic tools	and appropriately,	with adult	tools safely and	I can saw wood	_	whittling knife to
(Please note tools are introduced when the	safely, with adult	with adult	supervision.	independently,	with support and	I can use a wide	strip wood, with
children are physically,	support. E.g.	supervision.		unsupervised.	join the pieces	variety of tools	adult
mentally and socially	spades, trowels,		I can use palm		together.	safely and	supervision.
ready to do so. Children's ability to use	forks for digging,	I can use a peeler	drills to make	I can make my		independently,	
tools will develop at	hammers and	to strip wood	holes in thin pieces	own safety bubble		unsupervised.	I can light a small
different times.)	screwdrivers for	independently.	of wood.	and explain to		1	fire using a fire
	basic woodwork to	t		others where it		I can use a	steel, with adult
	make holes in thin	I can confidently		starts and finishes.		butterknife to strip	supervision.
	pieces of wood,	explain where my		Leen weekenners		bark, with adult	
	peelers to strip	"bubble" starts		I can use loppers		supervision.	
		and finishes.		to cut small			







	sticks, mallets for			branches and a			
	shelter building.	I can make sparks		pruning folding			
		with a fire steels		saw, with adult			
	I can make sparks	and light cotton		supervision.			
	with a fire steel with	wool, with adult					
	direct adult support.	support.		I can make sparks			
				with a fire steel			
				and light cotton			
				wool, with a peer			
				under adult			
				supervision.			
	I can be safe around	I understand and	I can identify how	I can cook soup on	I can be safe	I can be safe	I can
	a campfire.	can say why it is	to stay safe around	an open fire with	around a campfire	around a campfire	independently
		important to be	a campfire and	adult supervision.	and explain the	and identify	cook simple
	I understand why it	safe around a	explain it to my		fire circle rules to	potential hazards.	foods on a camp
	is important to be	campfire.	peers.	I can light cotton	others.		fire, with adult
	safe around a			wool using a flint		I can work a team	supervision.
	campfire.	I can toast a	I can cook a	independently,	I can follow a	to prepare a camp	
		smore, with adult	hotdog on a stick,	under adult	simple recipe, for	fire and	I can identify
	I can toast a	supervision.	with adult	supervision.	example damper	successfully light it	King Alfred's
	marshmallow on a		supervision.		bread, and cook on	with adult	cake (black
Using the Fire	stick, with adult	I can make sparks		I can build a	a stick with adult	supervision.	fungus) to use as
Circle	supervision.	with a fire steel,	I can light a piece	temporary fire	supervision.		a natural
		with adult	of cotton wool	lasting for 10		I can prepare a	firelighter.
	I can make sparks	supervision.	using a fire steel,	minutes and	I can identify and	campfire using the	
	with a fire steel,		with adult	extinguish it with	explain the skills	correct fuel with	I can make
	with adult support.		supervision.	adult supervision	and resources	adult support; for	charcoal sticks
					necessary to	example, sizing of	with adult
			I can help build a		prepare a	sticks, kindling,	supervision.
			campfire under		campfire.	logs and how to	
			adult supervision.			build them to keep	
						the fire alight.	







	I can find	I can find and	I can observe and	I can name the	I can name some	I can talk about	I can recognise
	Minibeasts and	identify	describe how	flora and fauna in	common birds and	how to encourage	pollution
	name some with	Minibeasts.	seeds and pollen	our area using an	talk about their	wildlife to the area	indicators in
	adult support.		are distributed.	ID chart with adult	features.	and how to look	different
		I can describe key		support.		after their	habitats.
	I can begin to	features of	I can identify some		I can identify the	habitats.	
	understand the life	Minibeasts.	trees in the area	I can name	common trees in		I can identify
	cycle of frogs,		using an ID chart	woodland animals	our area.	I can identify and	some different
	butterflies and	I can begin to	with adult support.	and discuss if they		name the sounds	birds song with
	plants.	identify the		are nocturnal, with	I can name	in the area.	support.
	•	differences	I can describe and	support.	woodland animals		
	I can go on a nature	between insects.	explain the	• •	and group them,	With an ID guide, I	I can maintain
	walk using my		changes in trees	I can identify	and understand if	can identify any	the trees and
	senses.	I understand the	and shrubs, with	different types of	they hibernate.	animal tracks in	shrubs in our
Science, Nature		life cycle of	adult support.	birds using		the area.	forest school
and Environment	I understand the	butterflies and		binoculars and an			area.
	similarities and	plants.		ID chart with adult		I can make and	
	differences in			support.		follow trails.	I can identify and
	contrasting	I can identify and		• •			use the main
	environments.	name different					points of a
		habitats of animals					compass.
		of the woodland,					•
		with adult support.					
		I can describe					
		seasons,					
		identifying					
		differences and					
		changes.					