

Progression of skills – Forest School.



Skill	EYFS	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4	YR5	YR6
Shelter	Introduction to shelter building.	Independent shelter building	Independent tripod structures	Independent construction of	Design and build shelters using	Create a tipi shelter with	Shelter building challenge –
building	Use of a variety of materials and	with resources such as tarps and	for dens.	lean to shelters.	tarpaulin and materials found in	camouflage.	working in teams the children plan,
	pegs. Picture prompts to	pegs with the introduction of	Introduction of lean to shelters.	Create shelters from tarps and	a woodland.	Work successfully as a group.	build and evaluate their shelters
	support ideas.	paracord for tying.	Begin to use	independent knot tying.	Work successfully as a group, having	Compare and	(recap the different ways to
	Mini den building for animals.	Independent mini den building for	paracord to secure tarpaulins when	Compare and	considered and evaluated each	evaluate the shelters.	build shelters)
		animals – begin to introduce tripod	building shelters.	evaluate the shelters	members' contributions.		Work successfully as a group.
		structure.	Questioning how could they	Set up a tent in	Compare and		Compare and
		Questioning what worked well.	improve their structures.	preparation for a residential trip.	evaluate the shelters		evaluate the shelters.
Tools	Introduction to tools:	Continuation of the use of basic	Continuation of the use of basic	In Key Stage 2 children will			
	peelers hammers mallets	tools (cutting of string, peeler for whittling)	tools, larger ropes and independent cutting of string	develop their skills when using a range of tools. Tools will only be	develop their skills when using a range of tools. Tools will only be	develop their skills when using a range of tools. Tools will only be	develop their skills when using a range of tools. Tools will only be
	trowels forks	Bow saw to cut discs (1:1)	Use of bow saw 1- 1 to cut discs and	used when the children are	used when the children are	used when the children are	used when the children are

	Fully supported by		peelers for	physically,	physically,	physically,	physically,
	an adult.		whittling	mentally and	mentally and	mentally and	mentally and
				socially ready to	socially ready to	socially ready to	socially ready to
				do so.	do so.	do so.	do so.
				Children's ability	Children's ability	Children's ability	Children's ability
				to use tools will			
				develop at	develop at	develop at	develop at
				different ages	different ages	different ages	different ages
				This is to include			
				but not limited to:			
				Bow saw	Bow saw	Bow saw	Bow saw
				Whittling knives	Whittling knives	Whittling knives	Whittling knives
				Folding saw	Folding saw	Folding saw	Folding saw
				Secateurs	Secateurs	Secateurs	Secateurs
				Loppers	Loppers	Loppers	Loppers
Knots	Knots	Independent	More sophisticated	Lashing and	More sophisticated	More complex	More complex
Kilots		simple knot tying	use of knots for	frapping frames	knots for attaching	knots and	knots and
	introduction to		attaching to	and dual	to structures and	selecting the	selecting the
	basic knots – shoe		structures and	structures	trees.	correct knot for a	correct knot for a
	tying		trees			job	job
					Independent use		
			Example - Cow		of lashing and		
			hitch		frapping		
					techniques		
			Introduce lashing				
			and frapping				
			techniques to				
			make frames				

Fire	Using Fire for	Safety procedures	Safety procedures	Safety procedures	Safety procedures	Safety procedures	Make and tend a
1110	Cooking	– fire safety.	– fire safety.	fire safety.	– fire safety.	– fire safety.	fire safely
	Observe and talk						Prepare and light
	about fire lighting	Contribute to fire	Experience using	Light a piece of	Light a fairy fire	Light a fairy fire	a campfire with
	procedures, begin	lighting by	flint and steel to	cotton wool (fairy	and keep it going.	and keep it going.	
	to contribute by	gathering fuel.	spark a flame.	pillow) with flint			Campfire sieve
	selecting fuel.			and steel.	Toast/cook food	Toast/cook food	challenge.
		Toasting	Independent		on a fire	on a fire	
	Toasting	marshmallows with	toasting of	Toasting bread			
	marshmallows with	little support.	marshmallows and	and marshmallows.	Support with	Support with	
	full support.		bread.		keeping the	keeping the	
		Support with		Other food may	campfire going.	campfire going.	
	Observe popcorn	cooking popcorn.	Support with	be cooked			
	popping.		cooking popcorn.				