

Progression of skills/activities– Forest School

Cycle 1

Early Years	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Treasure hunters – Language, sensory, memory focus	Making natural art – Topic linked	Building goblin dens – Structures	Wild weaving – reviewing the clove hitch knot
Scavenger hunt	Mini-beast habitats – Using Identification charts	Den building – Using tarpaulin and simple knots	Creating natural 3D maps and using for orienteeering
Mini-beast hunting - naming and describing	Making a stick person – using a square lashing with a pipe cleaner	Making a stick person – using a clove hitch and a square lashing	Nest building – Structures
Making a natural magic potion	How and why animals Camouflage	Using pen knives to whittle	Making forest school hanging coasters – using a bow saw and drill
Bark rubbing	Using peelers to whittle a stick	Fire – Fire triangle and how to assemble	Den building – using natural materials – use a clove hitch, square lashing and a reef knot –
Leaf Printing	Stick orchestra – Using natural materials to create pulse	Mindfulness	Use secateurs to prune
Tree music – Describing the sounds trees make	Fire triangle		Fire – Using strikers
Making clay animals	Mindfulness		Mindfulness
Using peelers			
Mindfulness			

Cycle 2

Early Years	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Treasure hunters – Language, sensory, memory focus	Natural Art – Topic linked	Den building – Tarpaulin and simple knots	3d sculpture
Scavenger hunt	Tree identification – Using identification charts	Stick orchestra – Creating pulse and rhythm, creating layered sounds, exploring loud and quiet	Make and noughts and crosses board – clove hitch, square lashing, reef knot
Mini-beast hunting - naming and describing	Stalking animals – Making a stick animal – square lashing using a pipe cleaner	Make a bug hotel – Micro Habitats	Making stretchers with natural materials – knots and lashings
Making a natural magic potion	Using peelers	Character building – Using natural materials, clove hitch and square lashings	Den building – lean to
Bark rubbing	Magic potion recipes – label with a name, ingredients and what it does	Mini- beast Identification – Classify and group	Make a name plaque – Use a bill hook
Leaf Printing	Fire – Making fruit kebabs	Using pen knives – make a spreading knife	Fire – Fire lighting
Tree music – Describing the sounds trees make	Mindfulness	Fire – Make toast and use the spreading knife – review fire triangle and fire building	Fire – Kelly Kettle – making hot chocolate
Making clay animals			Use pen knives
Using peelers			
Mindfulness			