



# Forest School

## **Intent**

At Kingskerswell Church of England Primary School we use Forest School as a vehicle to develop the children's social, emotional and physical abilities. Through working in small groups, with three trained Forest School practitioners to offer support and guidance, the children complete tasks that tests their trust, nerve and teamwork in a safe, stimulating environment. By providing thought provoking provision we hope to facilitate the growth of confidence, self-esteem and independence. The activities that the children complete enable each child to feel valued, knowledgeable and successful.

## **Implementation**

At Forest School we focus on a number of activities such as orienteering, creative tool work, fire work, shelter building, survival activities, natural identification and role play. Throughout each activity we ensure that each child has the correct amount of support and challenge by using a range of equipment, adult presence and enough free space for children to learn at their own pace. We make sure that all sessions incorporate a collaborative element either in paired, small or large group activities, developing a higher level of interpersonal skills in each individual. At Bramble Lodge we provide children with the correct support and supervision to allow them to safely push themselves out of their comfort zone, in activities which include heavy tools and fire.

## **Impact**

Throughout the practical and memorable activities that the

children experience we aim to facilitate context to take back to the classroom that relates to every aspect of the curriculum. By ensuring that every child is able to succeed in our outdoor learning space we hope that this gives children the confidence to challenge themselves within the classroom. Through working in intimate yet unfamiliar groups and participating in fun and informative activities, we aim to develop the children's social, emotional and physical abilities to ensure they are happy, healthy, well rounded, conscientious and caring individuals. This facilitates their curiosity and desire to discover more about the world they live in.