

W.O.W

Willows Outdoor Workshop Curriculum
(based on the concept of Forest Schools)



Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage at The Willows Primary School participate in W.O.W. sessions at least once each week.

With a wonderful woodland on the school grounds the children are able to access the natural environment in all seasons and weathers, allowing them to develop a curious relationship with the natural world.



Nursery

Autumn Term

Rules and Routines

We will learn and recite our two rules of Forest School

- We always listen
- We never put anything into our mouths not even our fingers

Activities

Mud play
Blackberry picking
and painting
Grass Party
Leaf Party
Autumn leaf hats
Den Building
Weaving with
natural objects
Bark Rubbings
Natural
Construction
Cooking on an open
fire (Adult and child
1-1 or 1-2 ratio)
Woodland Walks

Outcomes

We will look for autumnal
and winter changes
We will access and
experience the outdoors in all
weathers.
We will respect the natural
world around us.
We will explore, discover and
initiate our own learning
taking manageable risks.
We will develop our
movement and balancing.

Health and Self Care

With help we will put on and
take off our puddle suits and
wellington boots.
We will independently wash
our hands thoroughly once
we have changed and
returned to class.

Vocabulary

Oak Tree
Acorn
Bramble
Blackberries
Crunchy
Windy
Autumn
Resilient
Wet
Frosty
Icy
Leaf/Leaves
Autumn
Discover
Imagination



Reception

Autumn Term

Rules and Routines

We will get to know our Forest School Field and understand the rules we need to follow

- We always listen
- We never put anything into our mouths not even our fingers

Activities

Mud play
Grass Party
Leaf Party
Den and Shelter
Building
Natural
Construction
Cooking on an open
fire (Adult and child
1-1 or 1-2 ratio)
Woodland Walks
Planting bulbs
Autumnal Art
Animal Footprint
Tunnels
Bird Feeders
Demonstrated Tool
Work

Outcomes

We will learn about autumnal and winter changes
We will access and experience the outdoors in all weathers.
We will respect the natural world around us.
We will explore, discover and initiate our own learning taking manageable risks.
We will identify an oak and sycamore tree.
We will learn how to plant bulbs.
We will explore colour and texture in the natural world.
We will develop our strength and balance and move in lots of different ways.
We will respond by asking questions and making comments.
We will learn about Nocturnal animals.

Health and Self Care

We will independently put on and take off our puddle suits and wellington boots.
We will independently wash our hands thoroughly once we have changed and returned to class.

Vocabulary

Harvest
Blustery
Deciduous
Fungi
Crisp
Oak Tree
Sycamore Tree
Kernel/Nut
Cupule
Season
Chilly
Bleak
Glistening
Bulbs
Shoot
Nocturnal
Bow Saw
Loppers
Woodland Axe

