



Forest School, at Whalley Primary School, adds a special dimension to the opportunities which the children are given. Every children has access to Forest school throughout the year.

Children in EYFS enjoy weekly visits during their Welly Wednesday sessions, while the other children have half termly blocks.

Forest school is led by Mr Todd- Level 3 Forest School Practitioner and supported by Mrs Parker and Mrs Hanson - Level 2 Forest School Assistants.

## Forest School aims to encourage all learners:

To grow alongside nature.

To bravely face new challenges with confidence.

To show resilience when faced with difficulties.

To show independence when developing their own interests and abilities.

To experiment and discover by attempting "real" hands-on activities.

To enjoy calm times to reflect, think and just be themselves.

To value themselves, each other and their environment.

Sessions are planned, based on the children's suggestions and wishes, with very much a child centred approach.

## At Forest School children have the opportunity to:

- Spend time in nature both individually and with their friends.
- Learn to care for the environment around them.
- Build dens.
- Climb trees.
- Use tools.
- Light cook over and enjoy being round an open fire.
- Use natural materials to be creative.

"Forest School is a time I can play, have fun. I like climbing trees and building dens."

"Forest School is the best! I love everything about it!"