



**Acomb First School**  
**Forest Schools Thursday Overview**  
**Class 1 - Autumn 2021**



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**Schedule**

Below is a brief outline of the activities of each session. However, following the ethos of Forest School, the content may change depending on the needs & interests of the children and changes in weather. For the children to get the most out of these sessions we will be flexible e.g. snow, rain activities will over ride planned activities if deemed appropriate.

Date	Activities/Focus	Skills	Child Led	Evaluation
09.09.21	Tidy up the sticks - how to carry the sticks safely. Exploring the area, choose their favourite spot, describe it to a friend and why you like it. Can your friend find the spot just from your description? Introduction to rules Team games e.g. spot	Team work Observation Transporting sticks safely		
16.09.21	Finding soft toys in the woods. Talk about hibernation. Who does it and why? Making hibernation dens for the soft toys Cooking on the fire - marshmallow sandwiches	Forest school rules Understanding of hibernation team work fire safety Observation		
23.09.21	<b>Fairies - Chelsea Flower Show (21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>)</b> find a letter from the fairies asking for help to make a garden for a competition. Talk about the Chelsea flower show	Transporting sticks safely Motor skills Imagination		
30.09.21	<b><u>Signs of Autumn</u></b> Team games - spot, creeping coyote Scavenger/autumn hunt, Kim's game, leaf and nut sorting Fire cooking - cinnamon apples	Understanding characteristics of seasons Observations Fire safety		

07.10.21	<b>Space Week (4<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>)</b> Imagine that they have just landed from another planet in the woods. How would they describe it? would it feel safe or scary. Making maps of the woods using natural materials. Each team hides a box in the woods and marks where it is on the map. Can the other team find it?	Imagination moving safely communication Using tools safely		
14.10.21	<u>Leaf rainbows and snakes</u> Leaf ID Sorting leaves into different colours (paint pallet) Using mud to make leaf snakes and rainbows on trees and branches. Leaf threading. Fire cooking - banana with choc buttons	Leaf ID Fine motor skills Understanding characteristics of seasons Transporting sticks safely Fire safety Encouraging imagination		
21.10.21	<b>Book - Lost words</b> Look through the book. How do they feel about these words not being in the dictionary? Look around the forest school site. Which words are really important to forest school? Observational drawings to go with the words	Working as a team fine motor skills Encouraging imagination		
04.11.21	<u>Festivals of Light</u> Firework pictures, Using clay to make pots and lamps. Decorate them using sticks to make geometric patterns. Fire - cooking bonfire toffee apples	Fire safety Understanding festivals Fine motor skills Understanding characteristics of seasons Creativity		
11.11.21	<b>Remembrance Day (11<sup>th</sup> Nov)</b> What is Remembrance Day? We're remembering and saying thank you to the soldiers. Making a remembrance/thank you corner with Poppies (whittled sticks with leaves on top) and	Fire safety Understanding festivals Fine motor skills		

	Leaf poppy pictures (outline of a poppy made from flour. Fill in with different leaves)			
18.11.21	<b>Winter twig ID</b> - find different twigs using twig id cards. Natural art using charcoal and natural paints. Using twigs as paint brushes/pens	Transporting sticks safely Encouraging imagination Creativity		
25.11.21	<b>Framing nature</b> using magnifying glasses. How do they help us? How does it make things look different? How do artists show pictures? Frames. making frames for their art work. Can they use their frames in the woods to frame different natural pictures? Wood art using hammer and nails	Fine motor skills Encouraging imagination Tool safety Tying knots Creativity		
02.12.21	<b>Book - Stones</b> Collecting and Decorating stones, stone sculptures	Fine motor skills Transporting stones and rocks safely Creativity		
09.12.21	<b>Elf Day</b> Find a letter from an elf needing help in the woods. Some of the elf houses have fallen down, can they build some? They also need an area cleared and tidy in case the sleigh needs to land. using peelers to make woodland elves Fire cooking- spiced apple juice	Fire safety Understanding festivals Imagination Team work Tool safety		
16.12.21	<b>National Robin Day (21<sup>st</sup> Dec)</b> Read the story of how the robin got its red breast. Go on a robin hunt. Find out facts about robins. Making bird feeders and robins from wood slices and pinecones.	Observation Fine motor skills tool safety		

**Mrs Gray will be overseeing activities and watching the fire.**

