



The Forest School Flyer



Introduction



Welcome to my first Forest School update. My name is Mrs. Abigail Bonsall and I am delighted to have joined the Great Barton community as a Teaching Assistant and Forest School Lead. After spending ten years teaching full time in a year 5/6 class in Ipswich, I am very much enjoying the change of scenery!

At Happy Wood

Despite being rather cold, we have had an excellent time together in Happy Wood. We have all been learning our new Forest School agreements which help us to stay safe. The agreements are:

1. I look after myself
2. I look after others
3. I look after the environment

The children have been playing outdoor games, making “Mud Cakes” and “Leaf Lasagne” in the mud-kitchen, tying knots to make a “log dog” and learning how to safely use a fixed blade knife to whittle sticks.



At Downing Wood



Key Stage 2 have been walking to the community wood. We played a game called "My tree", involving a blindfolded partner and trying to identify the tree you have felt.



We have enjoyed den building, whittling sticks, creating nature bracelets and making a bow and arrow.

My Forest School wish list:

(If you can provide any of the following materials/equipment in good condition it would be greatly appreciated)

- wooden spoons
- jugs
- colanders
- rope
- gardening/digging equipment for children
- Plain white fabric (pillow cases for example)
- Logs, stumps or wooden planks for sitting on or building an obstacle course)
- Spare gloves, hats and warm socks



I look forward to updating you again soon.
Mrs. Bonsall