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Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School
"Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination"

Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School has worked hard to develop its very own forest school – Robin Wood – rated as outstanding by OFSTED. It is run by forest school leaders and forms an integral part of the school's curriculum. All children will attend Forest school once a week.

What might happen?

Forest crafts



Balancing



Climbing trees



Camp fire



Splashing in puddles!



Cooking in the mud kitchen



The environment has been risk assessed and sessions will be supervised by a trained Forest school leader to ensure that safety is paramount. Additional activities such as using basic tools to create wood crafts and cooking over a real fire will be introduced once the Forest School Leader feels the children are ready for this and will be fully supervised. Whether it's rainy or sunny, snowy or windy the children will be outside making the most of the experience. Only in cases of extreme weather such as storms will we not run the session but remain in nursery instead.

Who will be your Forest School Leader?

Our Forest School sessions are run by Emma Hall, Saadet Melia and Joanne Scruton who are all Level 3 Forest School Leaders. Emma and Saadet both hold an outdoor first aid certificate. We pride ourselves on enthusiasm, willingness and passion.

Clothing for Forest School

DATA PROTECTION

Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School aims to ensure that all personal data collected about staff, pupils, parents, governors, visitors and other individuals is collected, stored and processed in accordance with the [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#) and the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). Please visit our website for further details – www.sandylanenurseryandforestschool.co.uk



Please dress your child in:

Trousers



Long sleeve top



Wellies



Coat



School will provide:

Waterproof clothing



Gloves



Please remember your child will be exploring the outdoors so please dress them in clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Also please ensure that your child has a full set of clean clothes, including socks, in their drawstring bag in their cupboard. If needed your child will be supported to change themselves when we return from Forest school.

Snack

Forest school can be a much more physically active session than a usual nursery session so we provide a high energy snack part way through the session. This might be a warm chocolate drink or warm blackcurrant drink and a chocolate biscuit. Also later in the year once we feel the children are ready we will be cooking over a fire on some sessions, we might toast marshmallows, toast bread or cook soup! Please let us know if there are ANY foods your child can't have for medical, allergy or cultural reasons. If there is something your child doesn't like we will gently encourage them to try, but alternatives will be available.

Parent Session

We would like to invite you to join us for a Forest school session so you can get to know what happens on a usual session and ask any questions you may have. We will spend some time in the forest when you will be able to try out some activities and your child will join us in the forest for snack and a short explore.

If you have any questions please see Emma in Garden Room, Jo in Sunshine room or Saadet in Rainbow room.