



Subject: Squirrel School  
 Year group: 1  
 2023- 2024

Unit Overview

Throughout the year, the children will visit our wonderful Squirrel School area and will participate in a range of child-led activities. These might include den building, mud kitchens, woodwork, cookery and cross curricular activities.

**Key Objectives**

- Child- centered learning
- Hands on experiences
- Increase confidence and creativity

**Prior Learning**

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Key Ideas			
Tools	Safety	Knots	Plant Identification
<p><b>Secateurs</b></p> <p>Usage To cut twigs smaller than a penny piece.</p> <p>Key parts Handles, safety catch, blades.</p> <p>How to use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place glove on non-dominant hand</li> <li>• Use tool two arms length and a tool away from other people (other than supervising adult).</li> <li>• Open safety catch and use like scissors using gloved hand to keep wood/vine/small branch steady.</li> <li>• When moving, close and lock safety catch, hold blades in gloved hand nest to leg with handles face downwards.</li> <li>• When task is completed, return to the designated place.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving around the fire circle safely.</li> <li>• Stepping over fire circle logs</li> <li>• Adding fuel to fire safely</li> <li>• How to put out a fire</li> <li>• What to do in an emergency</li> </ul> <p>Fire will be lit by adult.</p> <p><b>Forest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking up and down for hazards</li> <li>• Staying safe with plants</li> <li>• Swinging and climbing safely</li> </ul> <p><b>Fieldwork</b></p> <p>Locate and name the four points of the compass.</p> <p>Create maps and plans of local area</p>	<p><b>Clove hitch</b></p> <p><b>Granny knot</b></p> <p><b>Overhand knot</b></p>	<p><b>Holly</b></p> <p><b>Apple</b></p> <p><b>Ivy</b></p>