

Progression of skills and knowledge for Outdoor Learning

- Woodcraft
- Shelter
- Fire
- Nature
- Rope

Child-led activities:
Bug hunting, wormery, tree climbing, bug identification, planting of hedging, weeding in garden, playing in 'Mudland' making wands, walking in grounds, playing some forest games, clay work, making a bridge, using low bench to make a ramp, raking leaves, bird feeders

Problem Solving:
Den building, nature trail, natural adventure trail, bug hotel, animal houses, making a group bridge

Woodcraft

Year R	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Can collect small twigs and chop using the secateurs with 1:1 adult support	Can safely use a Y shape peeler to whittle a small stick	Can use a bow saw with 1:1 adult support to cut a small branch Can use a knife to whittle sticks	Can use a knife to whittle larger sticks Can use a variety of tools safely

Shelter

Year R	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Can build a small bridge to get from side to another	Can build a small shelter/den with adult support.	Can build a strong bridge Can work with a small group of children to build a shelter using natural resources	Can build a substantial shelter using natural resources. Will have a cross work of branches to show strength. Can use a tarp to build an 'A' shelter.

Fire

Year R	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Can demonstrate the rules for the log circle	Can understand the rules to keeping safe around the fire Can understand why we need to completely extinguish a fire	Can demonstrate the rules to keeping safe around the fire Can produce sparks from a fire steel	Show secure understanding of the rules for keeping safe around the fire Can start a small fire using cotton wool and monitor it to ensure it is completely extinguished.

Nature			
Year R	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Can identify an oak tree and a holly bush	Can identify a maple and beech tree Can notice funghi growing	Can identify 3 different plants within the grounds When looking at funghi, can explain what they notice, and the similarities and differences	Can identify 5 different plants/trees in the grounds. Can identify different characteristics of funghi and their names.
Rope			
Year R	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Can use wool to wrap and make magical wands	Can use wool to tightly wrap and make magical wands. They can tie a basic knot.	Can braid wool to make a cord with a partner. Can make a dream catcher. Can know how to tie a square lashing knot to make a picture frame. Add natural resources and tie on.	To use a timber hitch to secure a tarp line Can make a God's eye.