

Forest School Questionnaire Pupil Feedback Autumn 2018

Here are the children's responses to the questionnaire carried out recently:

1 What do you like about Forest School?

Creating with different materials; cooking; fire activities; team games; whittling; competitive games; den building; swing making; free play; dips in previous site, "it's a good way to use the woods & it's nice".

2 Are you more confident to try new things ?

Yes climbing trees; lighting fires.

3 Do you know work better with others ?

A bit; people help me to do things more; teamwork is needed to make some things; new children can be more relaxed.

4 Do you concentrate better in school ?

Not sure; no; Science after Forest School would be good.

5 Have your physical skills improved ?

Yes; think so; stronger in moving branches; dodging & blindfold games; obstacles.

6 Has your nature/environment knowledge improved ?

Yes tree names; risk awareness; fungi awareness; habitats; hedgehogs; drawing detailed pictures of objects.

7 Do you go outside more out of school ?

No; walk the dog more; climbing; explore the woods more.

8 Are you more independent ?

Yes; only at Forest school; getting changed; sourcing resources; use my initiative.

9 How can sessions be improved ?

Pond investigation; fires; make instruments; running games; walk to local woods; tree house; sling shot; longer session; forest school day; camp out; zip wire; build friendships; base camp cover; permanent den; cooking; make a mallet; improve quiet garden; grow food; crafts; obstacles; climbing; bug hunts.

RESPONSE

An after school club is planned to facilitate cooking, craft projects & more tool use as extending session time is not feasible.

Seasonal off site walks are planned for all classes.

Repeat the successful whole school FS morning in the summer term.

A temporary tarp shelter is in place over base camp but a request for a more permanent solution has been passed to Mrs Groom.

CPD visit to a local nursery FS site to look at tree house/platform.

We will source more pallets to facilitate more permanent dens.

Requests have been made, after recent tree work, that branches are kept on site.

Raised beds to facilitate growing of veg/fruit.

Apparatus is used in dry weather to enable climbing & swinging practice.