

# Dogsthorpe Infants Forest Learning

## Information Leaflet

Meet **Robbie the Robin**, our resident Forest Learning Friend!



### What does Forest Learning look like at Dogsthorpe Infants?

We plan and deliver sessions that are closely linked to each year group's curriculum. Every session is planned so that your child has the opportunity to take part in activities that are 80% achievable and 20% challenging.

Depending on the activity, our Forest Learning sessions are led by our qualified Forest School Leader, Miss Stamper, or the class teacher and support staff.

### What is Forest Learning?

Forest Learning allows every child to have the opportunity to learn through the experience within our woodland area to develop their self-esteem and confidence in a positive, safe outdoor environment. Forest Learning provides every child with the experience of the wider, natural world around us.



### Forest Learning Activities

- Den Building
- Creating Bug Hotels
- Nature Crowns
- Nature Mobiles
- Using tools:
  - Potato Peeler
  - Poky Outey Tool!
  - Saws
- Creating a fire, following the Forest Schools 'Stay Safe' fire rules.

### What are the benefits of Forest Learning?

- Being outdoors
- Develop confidence and self-esteem
- Build positive relationships with the outdoor environment and peers.
- Child-initiated learning
- Experience risks and challenges
- Self-awareness
- Good social communication skills
- Independence
- Team building
- Greater understanding and awareness of the natural environment
- The ability to recognise and manage risks



We follow all our school values so that we **SHINE** in our Forest Learning sessions. Our main aim is for all our little stars to have lots of fun and to take home this wonderful experience so that they

***DREAM, BELIEVE & SHINE the Forest Learning Way!***

**Succeed** - determination, perseverance, ambition

**Happy** - confidence, empathy, respect

**Independent** - resilience, responsibility

**Nurture** - kindness, caring, co-operation

**Enthusiastic** - curiosity, imagination, motivation

Please note all children will be asked to come appropriately dressed for their Forest Learning sessions.

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Forest Schools Leader, Oct 24