



Westhouses Primary School – Forest School Skills and Learning Progression



	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Session 1: Introduction	Boundaries, rules and teamwork.	Boundaries, rules and teamwork.	Boundaries, rules and teamwork.	Boundaries, rules and teamwork.	Boundaries, rules and teamwork.	Boundaries, rules and teamwork.	Campsite project – planning ideas and what they would like to do – recap of key skills, to invite parents in.
Session 2: Environment	Create a journey stick around school.	Environment and woodland art.	Colour hunt in school.	Hapa Zome printing	Off site to stream – flora and fauna identification. Create a journey stick.	Clay boggarts.	Off site - collecting materials: fire etc. Create tinder boxes.
Session 3: Knots and modelling	Woodland jewellery	Knots – clove hitch knots, butterfly knot and timber hitch knot (link to den building) to make a spiders web or dream catcher?	Knots – review and introduce figure of 8 knots – parachord/ woollen bracelets	Using tools – safety and introduce peeling	Using tools – whittling, carving, peeling	Using carving and tool skills – project?	Using knots and tools linked to project.
Session 4: Building	3 little pigs – straw, bricks and wood.	Den building – teamwork using tarp, rope etc.	Den building – teamwork using tarp, rope etc. Testing strength: wind.	Building secure structures using man-made materials. Testing strength: wind and water.	Building secure structures using wood and natural materials only.	Off site – orienteering and settlements. Select a location to make a den, using the environment and man-made materials.	Den building challenge – link back to previous learning in previous years.
Session 5: Fire	Rules	Collecting materials.	Building a fire circle.	Construct the structure.	Using fire strikes.	Safely putting out a fire and First Aid.	Invite parents/carers in for a ‘campfire leavers’ party’.