

Forest School News

Summer Term Information

What is Forest

Originating in Scandinavia, Forest School came to the UK in 1995 and is now found in a wide range of educational settings. The Forest School ethos is focused on helping to develop personal, social and emotional skills and raising self-esteem. Children learn, through play, how to cooperate and work with others to solve problems and how to use their own initiative. They will have the opportunity to make their own assessments of risk and, by rehearsing the safety rules and with routines that are built up over a series of sessions, they are encouraged to take care of themselves, others and the natural environment.

Our forest school site is a small area of woodland located in the KS2 playground. By visiting it regularly, we hope it will develop a special significance for the children.

Through stringent risk assessments, we ensure that their experiences are as safe as reasonably possible, allowing children to explore and investigate

Can you help?

We are still at the beginning of our forest school journey and would love for some parent volunteers to join Miss O'Connor and Miss Evans to plant, dig and help organise our amazing space.

We will be having a community day on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 3:45pm until 5:45pm. If you are able to help, please email the school office with the subject heading 'Forest School' by Friday 11th May. (info@cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk).

Tasks will include:
Moving wood chip
Laying soil
Planting trees/plants & grass seed

We look forward to seeing you!

The Coopers Lane Forest School Team:
Hannah Evans – Year 1
Hayley O'Connor – Year 2



Our Forest School

During the Spring Term, some of the Year 4&5 children took part in an exciting project to plant a beautiful willow structure. It has already started to grow and looks set to be quite a masterpiece. The perfect entrance to our new Forest School!



We need Wellies!

We are asking for donations of wellington boots, sizes from infant 10 to adult size 3. Please bring the boots to the school office if you can help. Thank you.



How does this fit into the curriculum?

Forest School sessions are linked to the school curriculum and are planned with specific learning objectives. Each session is carefully planned to meet the needs of the children in the group. Children are also given the time and space to lead their own learning, at their own pace and suiting their own individual learning styles.

At the end of each session, Forest School leaders will assess the lesson, using observations of the children, in order to plan for future sessions

