

# Forest School at Chulmleigh Primary School



At Chulmleigh Primary School, our Forest School program offers children the opportunity to learn and grow in a natural outdoor environment. We are very lucky to have a large outdoor space as well as a dedicated Forest School area. Through hands-on experiences, pupils develop confidence, resilience, and a deep connection with nature.

## Why Forest School?

- Encourages independence and problem-solving
- Promotes physical and mental well-being
- Builds teamwork and social skills
- Inspires a lifelong love of the outdoors

## What We Do

- Building shelters and dens
- Exploring wildlife
- Learning outdoor skills like fire lighting and tool use
- Creative projects using natural materials
- Outdoors cooking



## Benefits for Our Pupils

Forest School nurtures curiosity and creativity while supporting the curriculum in a unique way. Pupils return to the classroom energised and ready to learn.

## Pupil Quotes

"I loved having a fire and being with my friends!" Juno, Year 3.

"I like making the dens and building the fire." Matthew, Year 3.

"I like being outside and learning about different things. I liked building the acorn houses and the bug hotels. I really really loved the hot chocolate as well!" Lia, Year 3.

I think it's good. I loved the hot chocolate, and I enjoy making food. I would like to do more games – Hannah, Year 3

# What Parents Say

*"What a wonderful experience for our children – it is so great for them to be outside! Learning from nature and their surroundings, encouraging them to have inquisitive minds and enjoying practical tasks in the fresh air! Just fab!" Year 3 parent.*

*"I think it was fantastic, a great way to learn real life skills in a safe and fun environment. Great for their mental health to get outside in nature too!" Year 3 parent.*

