

Why we love Forest Schools!

There is no such thing as bad
weather,
Only bad clothing!
(common Swedish quote)



At Fishergate we love all year round Forest Outdoor learning because when outdoors our children build independence, self-esteem and a positive attitude towards learning as they explore and experience the natural world for themselves

We see our Early Years children's learning improve in many ways including:

- Improved social emotional skills, learning to share and work in a team
- Developing self -confidence, self -esteem and independence
- Helping develop a problem -solving approach
- Helping them become responsible for their actions
- Encourages them to calculate risk
- Promotes identification with season, weather and nature
- Develops a love/care for the environment
- Develops fine motor and gross motor strength as children use their fingers to lift and legs to climb things
- contributes to the development of language and communication skills (speech, listening and mark-making)
- Improves motivation and encourages deep concentration
- It encourages children to be healthy and active
- Helps develop a scientific/mathematical approach to learning through doing (weight, capacity, length, how many can I carry?)
- A desire for learning is ignited and transferred back into the classroom
- Increases imaginative play with narratives involved (Forest schools has a Fairy King!)

