

## Forest School at Horncastle – Skills Overview

	Tools	Fire	Den Building	Knots	Caring for the environment	Seasons
Preschool	Scissors / hole punch (knowing the parts and how to use safely)	Following the fire circle rules / knowing what to do if smoke gets in your eyes	Building a den by stacking sticks against a tree or fence	Wrapping wool or string around a stick	Observing minibeasts / birds in their environment Naming minibeasts and birds	Talking about the weather
Reception	Hammers (knowing the parts and how to use safely)		Pegging a tarpaulin onto a frame or tee pee	Tying a slip knot	Carefully handling minibeasts and then putting them back / feeding the birds / Recognising minibeast and birds	Naming the seasons
Year 1	Potato peelers (knowing the parts and how to use safely)	Respect position for kneeling near the fire and safely toasting a marshmallow	Using a mallet and tent pegs to secure a	Tying a knot to join a string to or around a stick	Making a bug hotel / bird feeder Recognising, naming minibeasts and birds and knowing a fact or 2 about them	Naming the seasons and 3 signs of that season

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Year 2	Palm drills / Small saws (knowing the parts and how to use safely)	Cooking popcorn safely on the fire using the respect position	tarpaulin to the ground		To talk about the life cycle of a minibeast or bird that lives in the forest school area	Naming the seasons and 3 signs of that season
Year 3	Secateurs (knowing the parts and how to use safely)	To create sparks from a spark stick	Using a rope to tie 3 sticks together to make a teepee	Clove hitch	To observe and capture an animal on a wildlife camera or view from hide.	To know why the weather changes with the seasons
Year 4	Loppers / bow saws (knowing the parts and how to use safely)	To build a log cabin/waffle fire lay	Tying a rope between 2 trees to hang a tarpaulin over (like a tent)	Tying a timber hitch	To be able to identify parts of a tree To identify parts of a tree To name several trees. To compare and contrast these tree parts in different species.	
Year 5	Sheath knives	To build a teepee fire lay	Using 4 trees together to make a shelter (using the timber hitch)	Reef knot	To harvest edible plants that are safe to eat To sustainably harvest or trim fruit, a plant or stems or twigs for an art activity	To find out what the weather will be and

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Year 6	To use all tools covered in forest school safely and responsibly and independently	To build a fire lay of choice and collect and organise own / kindling/ sticks / logs. To light and cook on their own fire / leaving no trace	To remember all the den types used in Forest School and make them independently	Knowing names of all the knots and put them into practise independently	To harvest and cook with edible plants or parts of a plant	dress accordingly!
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