



NURTURING NEURODIVERSITY

Accessible Crafts



HARE

FOREST SCHOOL





INTRODUCTION

THE AIM OF THIS WELCOME PACK IS TO HELP YOU
FEEL SAFE AND PREPARED FOR YOUR UPCOMING
CRAFT SESSIONS WITH HARE.

THROUGHOUT THIS BOOKLET YOU WILL GET TO KNOW
THE TEAM, OUR LOCATION AND THE CRAFTS ON OFFER.

OUR SITE



OUR SITE IS AN ANCIENT WOODLAND NEAR MITCHELDEAN! IT IS FULL WITH A HAZEL AND OAK TREES. IF YOU PLOD TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PATH, YOU CAN EVEN FIND A STREAM AND A POND

WHEN YOU ARRIVE, CHARLIE & GEORGIE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHAT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO GO FOR A WALK WITH YOUR FAMILY IN THE WOODS NEARBY BEFORE THE WORKSHOPS TO HELP YOU FEEL SETTLED

WHEN YOU FEEL READY, WE WILL WALK OVER TO THE FIRE CIRCLE WHICH IS UNDER A HUGE PARACHUTE! THERE, WE WILL CHAT ABOUT THE DAY. HERE, YOU WILL FIND OUT WHERE THE TOILETS ARE, THE ACTIVITIES, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND EVERYONE'S NAME!



OUR TEAM



SUSIE

SUSIE IS OUR FOREST SCHOOL LEAD. SHE CAN TEACH YOU HOW TO LIGHT A FIRE, SAW WOOD OR WHITTLE A STICK



CHARLIE

CHARLIE IS OUR FOREST SCHOOL MANAGER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WORRIES DURING THE DAY, CHARLIE WILL BE THERE TO HELP YOU



GEORGIE

GEORGIE IS OUR SENCO. SHE LOVES BEING OUTDOORS AND GETTING MUDDY. SHE CAN TEACH YOU NATURAL CRAFTS. HER SPECIAL SKILL IS THAT SHE CAN LICK HER ELBOW!

OUTDOOR SKILLS



DEN BUILDING

LEARN HOW TO BUILD
SUPER STRUCTURES

WHITTLING

SHOWCASE YOUR KNIFE
SKILLS

PLANT & TREE ID

GET TO KNOW THE
NATURE AROUND YOU

FIRE LIGHTING

HELP KEEP US WARM
OR COOK ON THE FIRE

CRAFTS



WILD CLAY

DID YOU KNOW THAT CLAY IS
ALL AROUND US? ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO IS DIG

WOOL PROCESSING

BRUSH, SPIN AND DYE
FLEECE

NATURAL DYES

USE PLANTS TO MAKE
COLOURS, PATTERNS
AND PAINTS

WILLOW WEAVING

WEAVE YOURSELF A
BEAUTIFUL CREATION

PAPER MAKING

USE NATURAL FIBERS
TO MAKE PAPER

FOOD



LEARN TO COOK WILD FOOD

DID YOU KNOW THAT FOOD GROWS ALL AROUND US? CONNECTING TO A LANDSCAPE CAN BE DONE USING YOUR SUPER SENSES AND FOOD IS A GREAT WAY TO ENGAGE ALL OF THEM!

CAN YOU SPOT EDIBLE HERBS? HOW DO THEY FEEL? DO THEY HAVE A SMELL? WHAT DO THEY TASTE LIKE? (ONLY DO THIS WITH AN ADULT)

OUR DAY

WELCOME & OPENING CIRCLE

12:30

CHARLIE AND GEORGIE WILL BE AT THE GATE TO WELCOME YOU. YOUR PARENT/CARER WILL SIGN YOU IN ON THE REGISTER. ONCE ALL THE CHILDREN ARE SIGNED IN, IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR FAMILY AND WE WILL GO INTO THE WOODLAND TOGETHER.

OPENING CIRCLE AT THE LOG CIRCLE INCLUDES A WELCOME AND A GAME TO HELP US REMEMBER EACH OTHER'S NAMES.

GET TO KNOW THE CRAFT

12:40

HERE, WE WILL EXPLORE THE MATERIAL OF THE DAY. WE WILL DISCOVER WHERE IT COMES FROM AND WHAT THINGS WE CAN USE IT FOR. WE WILL LEARN ABOUT ITS HISTORY IN THE FOREST OF DEAN

THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE

MAKING

1:00

WE WILL BE MAKING AND DOING FOR THE NEXT FEW HOURS YOU CAN EXPLORE THE MATERIAL, AND MAKE LOTS OF COOL THINGS USING THE LANDSCAPE AROUND YOU

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND ASK THE ADULTS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CRAFT

CLOSING CIRCLE & GOING HOME

3:15

DURING OUR CLOSING CIRCLE, WE'LL GATHER AT THE LOG CIRCLE, CHAT ABOUT WHAT WE LOVED TODAY, AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE'D TWEAK FOR NEXT TIME. YOU CAN SHARE IF YOU WANT, BUT IT'S OKAY IF YOU'D RATHER LISTEN. WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL YOUR BELONGINGS AND ANY CREATIONS YOU MADE WE WILL WALK AS A GROUP TO MEET PARENTS/CARERS.

KIT LIST

OUR GROUP IS OUTSIDE, SO YOU WILL NEED THE RIGHT CLOTHING.

IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE WEARING THESE THINGS, PLEASE BRING THEM SO YOU HAVE THEM LATER WHEN YOU NEED THEM



WELLIES,
WATERPROOF SHOES, OR
STURDY BOOTS



A WARM JUMPER OR
HOODY



A WARM COAT &
A RAIN COAT



A SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES
(SOCKS AND PANTS TOO)



A HAT, SCARF AND GLOVES



IF YOU DON'T HAVE ALL THESE ITEMS, PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENT/CARER TO CONTACT US SO YOU CAN BORROW WHAT YOU NEED FROM OUR WELLY & WATERPROOF LIBRARY

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE US TO KNOW?

WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SUPPORT YOU TO HAVE A BRILLIANT TIME AT HARE.

NOW YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT US, THERE MIGHT BE SOME THINGS YOU'D LIKE US TO KNOW ABOUT YOU, TO HELP US GET TO KNOW YOU.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY?

IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US BEFORE YOU COME TO FOREST SCHOOL, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVEN'T ANSWERED IN THIS BROCHURE, YOUR PARENT/CARER CAN EMAIL US AT INFO@HARECIC.CO.UK OR PHONE/WHATAPP US ON 07761164352



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE FOREST SOON