

Kit ideas for Forest School

Ensure you have got emergency bag, including First Aid kit, medical details, parental consent etc. Include nurture kit for cold weather / young children (hats, gloves, spare socks, fleeces, hand wipes, rubbish disposal bags). Water for drinking and a shelter sheet plus ropes is always good.

For non-tool work at Forest School:

Exploring colours, using mud and enjoying mixing:

- Containers to collect mud, leaves, berries in
- Pestle and mortar or bowl and hazel sticks for grinding into paste
- Brushes or elastic bands to make own brushes (sticks and moss/grass)
- Canvas or card for painting on
- Cotton and bashing sticks, to make get green
- Small trowels to help with the digging

Enjoying bashing:

- Small mallets
- Wooden pegs ready for bashing
- Twine or string to wind around the pegs

Games:

- Rope (ex-climbing), may include strops/carabenas
- Blindfolds or hats/scarves

General:

- String
- Trowels
- Pens
- Elastic bands
- Spare forest friends
- Small mallets

For tool work at Forest School:

- Bow Saw – peg tooth and raker tooth
- Sawing horse or wood and string to make one
- Fixed blade knife for whittling (toasting stick, forest friend)
- Mallet for bashing
- Tarp for temporary shelter
- Smaller tarps for mini dens
- Sit-upons (cut up a roll mat)
- Fire steels
- Axe (for making pegs)

As to how many tools

- Suggest to start with two bow-saws (one peg toothed and one raker tooth). Only use one bow saw at a time, unless you feel confident with assisting staff and their competence with tools. Wouldn't have more than two work stations.
- Suggest two fixed blade knives . no more than the number of competent staff and the space for working safely