

Information for Teachers

Flag Fen Forest School taster sessions

EYFS-KS2

Flag Fen Forest School taster sessions provide quality learning opportunities which are fun, creative, practical and cross curricular. They aim to inspire participants about the wonders and potential of nature play, spark their curiosity about the natural environment, raise confidence and teach skills for life.



Choose a theme for your session:

Who lives here?

This session provides a chance to explore and discover what is around us in the natural environment, about food chains, habitats and how we can help and encourage wildlife.

Activities could include some or all of the following:

- Bug hotels*
- Bug hunts and identification*
- Creating habitats*
- Creating bird feeders*
- Clay craft*
- Mini shelter building*



Woodland magic

Magic is everywhere, if you know where to look for it. This session brings the immersive magic of the forest to life with hands on activities. Get busy setting the scene for a magical woodland party for the fairy folk.

Activities could include some or all of the following:

- Storytelling*
- Wand making*
- Making natural bunting*
- Clay craft*
- Nature crowns*
- Scavenger hunts*
- Mud cakes*
- Rock art*



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Trees & Plants

During this session, children will experience the natural environment and the wonders of the trees and plants within it. They will have the opportunity to explore and identify what trees and plants can be found on the Flag Fen site, have a go at hapa zome, get creative with bark rubbings, enjoy team games and much more.

Activities could include some or all of the following:

- Hapa zome*
- Tree and plant identification*
- Bark rubbing*
- Tree guardians*
- Leaf art*
- Bird feeders*
- Games*



National curriculum links: English, History, Art, Science, Maths, Citizenship, PSHE, P.E

Learning objectives:

Participating in these Forest School taster sessions, participants will:

- Learn about the environment and the need to conserve it
- Build confidence in outdoor settings and learn new skills
- Be inspired by the possibilities of nature play and outdoor learning
- Enjoy some quality time together, in a relaxed and fun setting

Other information:

Duration:	Either a morning session at 10am- 12pm or an afternoon session at 1pm-3pm.
Cost:	£210 + VAT per session (2 hours) for a group of up to 30 children and supporting adults. Cost includes pre-visit, all activities and admission fee.
Group size:	A maximum of 30 students per group plus supporting adults.
Ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
What to bring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please come in wellington boots or old trainers. Nothing you wouldn't mind getting mucky. • Indoor shoes. If it is muddy, you will be asked to change into indoor shoes if you go into the Visitors Centre or Education room. • Waterproof clothing in case of wet weather and enough layers including hat and gloves when seasonally appropriate. We will be outdoors for the duration of the morning or afternoon. • Sunblock and a sun hat for warm sunny days, the forest school area is cool and shaded so ensure layers are packed even for warm days just in case. • The activities do involve getting messy so please do not send them in their best clothes. • A box to transport craft back to school.
Information for coach driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Visitors Centre can be used for access to the toilets. The café is open <i>Thursday to Monday</i> between March and October or <i>Friday to Sunday</i> between November and February.



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A note about behaviour:	Members of the school staff have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Flag Fen staff with this where necessary. Clear expectations of behaviour are stated as part of the H&S. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school adults also get involved in the workshops so please join in where appropriate.
Booking your visit:	To book please contact us at flagfenlearning@peterboroughlimited.co.uk or 01733 317988. When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm your visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us. An invoice is sent after the visit.