

Leaffield Pre-school

Did you know that Leaffield Pre-school is one of the few local pre-schools offering Forest School sessions to three year olds? Forest School is based on a Scandinavian idea giving children a regular outdoor learning experience as part of their school life. The outdoor environment is used to support the children's learning across the whole curriculum, improving self esteem and confidence alongside the physical and health benefits of being outdoors in the fresh (sometimes very fresh!) air.

Forest School and Eco Garden

Forest School at Leaffield Pre-school is offered to children over the age of three on a weekly basis; so far we have visited

a number of carefully selected, safe, local sites.

Due to its huge demand we shall now be offering sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from September. A

maximum of 12 children go out with our Forest School trained Supervisor, Pre-school assistants and parent helpers, whatever the weather, so wellies and waterproofs are recommended!

We are fortunate to be able to use the large village recreation ground for sessions as well as Leaffield's Millennium Community Wood.

Forest School has a huge impact on the children's understanding of their local environment but more importantly it is great fun and the children love it! Our children also have onsite access to our fantastic Eco Garden. The garden was

built in 2009 using a grant from OCC. We have raised beds where the children grow a variety of vegetables and flowers, a greenhouse, a covered area with benches for outdoor learning and a large covered sandpit for getting sandy and digging. The children have designed their own Dinosaur mosaic which was installed by parents.

Little Dancers

We strive to enhance the opportunities available to our children and plan to introduce a 'Little Dancers' session in September; a structured half hour of dance, activity and music. At present we anticipate this will take place on Mondays

from 12 to 12.30pm.

A new outdoor playhouse is also currently being sourced ready for September.

We all know that size isn't everything and we care for a maximum of 16 children at any one

time, meaning we can offer a personal level of care and attention which is often difficult to achieve in larger settings. We offer curriculum planned, play-based activities aimed at progressing children's development and preparing them for school.

Leaffield Pre-school also offers Full Day Care, with opening hours; 9.00am to 3.00pm every day during term time.

If you would like more details or to have a look round please ring me, on: 01993 878667. You can also visit our website - www.leaffieldpreschool.org.uk

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