



Bushcraft Skills Overview

	Tools	Cooking over fire	Flora and Fauna	Fires	Safe water sourcing	Animal Tracking	Maps and Orienteering	Shelters
EYFS	Introduction to hand drills. Making and decorating wooden key rings	Understanding how to be safe around a fire and then toasting marshmallows.	Seasonal tree observations- colours, leaves, buds, seeds.	Fire circle safety rules.	Why is water important to humans, effects, what happens if we don't have water etc	What animals visit your school? Habitats, signs, footprints and explore	Directions games - Using language to describe direction.	Introduction to shelter – Teddy bear shelters
Y1/2	Using saws and hand drills.	Damper breads cooked on sticks.	Tree comparisons – leaves, bark and tree rubbings.	Fire circle safety rules revisited.	Where can we locate water in the countryside?	Animal echoes, footprints, fur, droppings, landscape disruptions	NESW - Compass introduction. -	Natural shelters and types of materials we can use. What makes a material waterproof
	Memory tree medallions and story sticks.	Linked to Australian outback.	Trees as habitats for animals and insects.	Uses for fire – warmth, light, cooking, boiling, signals, animals	Rivers, streams, lakes, muddy puddles, rain, trees.			
			School map	Y2 – Introduction to fire steels – cotton wool Vaseline as fire extender	Is water always safe to drink when found?			
	Introduction to knives and knife safe use making tent pegs.	Vegetable kebabs - preparing vegetables and	Identify 5 trees through leaves, buds, bark and seed.	Fire steel usage progressions with tinder card and natural tinders.	Filtering water using homemade filters out of bottles. Sand,	Sand traps and trailcams - Landscape disruptions,	Making compasses using magnets, needles and leaves to find	Shelters using tarps - DT - angles, design, wind,

Y3/4		cooking on kebab sticks			gravel, grass, charcoal.	investigate and predict.	our way in school.	environment and shape
	Blood bubble and Triangle of death.			Linked to stone age topic – Otzi The Iceman	Solar stills (evaporation & condensation, changing states)	Hedgehog footprint traps and houses	Map making of school	
	Forehand grip, reinforced forehand.		Seed dispersal from different trees	Fire lighting Risk Assessments	Main contaminants of water – Turbidity, Bacteria, Viruses, Protozoa, chemicals/heavy metals			
	UK Knife Law		Birch Tapping					
Y5/6	Introduction to axes making mallets and more advanced knife usage (battening)	Campfire stews and hot drinks. Making pot hangers	Tree maps, uses for wood types, medicinal uses and folklore,	Natural tinders - coal and horse hoof fungus, fat wood, birch bark, amadou	Introductions to birch tapping, millbank bags, tree transpiration (water cycle), Boiling water over fire	Footprint and behaviour interpretations - Analysis of animal behaviour via footprints. Animal footprint casts	Orienteering session, introduction into geocaching / letterboxing	Y5 - Team challenge to erect tents following instructions
	Elder wood whistles	Campfire Pizza		Flint and steel usage added to fire steel progression.	Making own hot drink			Y6 - Shelters using tarps and 3 different knots, Evenk Hitch, Taught Line Hitch and adjustable line hitch

				Char cloth and nest fires.				
				Year 6 – Friction fire lighting				