

# Forest School

AT ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY



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- ▶ Forest school is an outdoor learning experience in a natural environment.



- ▶ We have begun to develop an area of the field into a space for us to do Forest School activities.





# Important! Health, Safety & Behaviour



**Health** – We need to ensure we are wearing the correct clothing so that we can go out in all weathers and experience the outdoors.

**Safety** – Part of the Forest school experience is to learn how to be independent and learn lots of skills you wouldn't do in a normal classroom. So we'll have the opportunity to use tools and equipment that require us to use them in a safe way, like saws and knives. We can also experience outdoors cooking with open fires. As you know we will have to **ALWAYS** be safe around an open fires.

We will have an emergency procedure which I will show you when we get to go out on our first session.

# Important! Health, Safety & Behaviour



**Behaviour** – Because we'll be using sharp tools and learning to make fires safely it is really important that when we go into our Forest school session we are ALWAYS listening and not doing anything that would put others in danger. If we are silly then the session will be stopped for safety reasons and we won't be able to continue.

- ▶ Not every session will involve tools and fire and we will have to get used to a few things before we do anything like that but there are lots of things we can do in the Forest school that will be interesting and enjoyable.
- ▶ Have a think now about what sorts of things you think you'd like to do in the sessions? Put in the chat your ideas.

# Types of activities



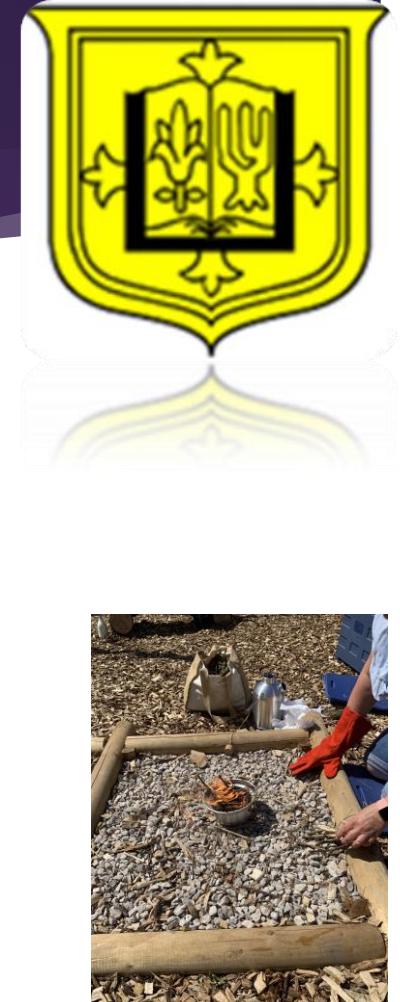
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# Rules

There are a few rules that MUST be adhered to whilst we are in Forest School.

- ▶ Always be ready to listen – We must get used to the call to stop what we are doing and gather back together. This will be **123 come to me!** You will gather in the seated area and be ready to listen. We will practice this a few times so that we know what to do.
- ▶ We must be aware of where we can explore and where we can't. Mrs Ballard will show you the boundary when we go outside.
- ▶ In the middle of the seated area is a fire square. We must treat this fire square like it has fire in it all of the time. Therefore, we NEVER walk through it. We always walk around it. We never run about in the seated area in case of falls and therefore falling into the fire square.



# Rules - Tools



- ▶ We will be using real tools so safety is extremely important
- ▶ You will need lots of support using these and only one person at a time can use them with adult supervision.
- ▶ We always set out a tool area and when not in use we keep tools safely packed/locked away.
- ▶ We make sure we have got the correct protective clothing on and we are in the correct position with our bodies for using them.
- ▶ When we choose tools to work with we must ALWAYS walk with them to the tool work area.
- ▶ When not in use in the tool work area we must make sure they are kept near us but not in the way.

# Types of tools



# Using tools



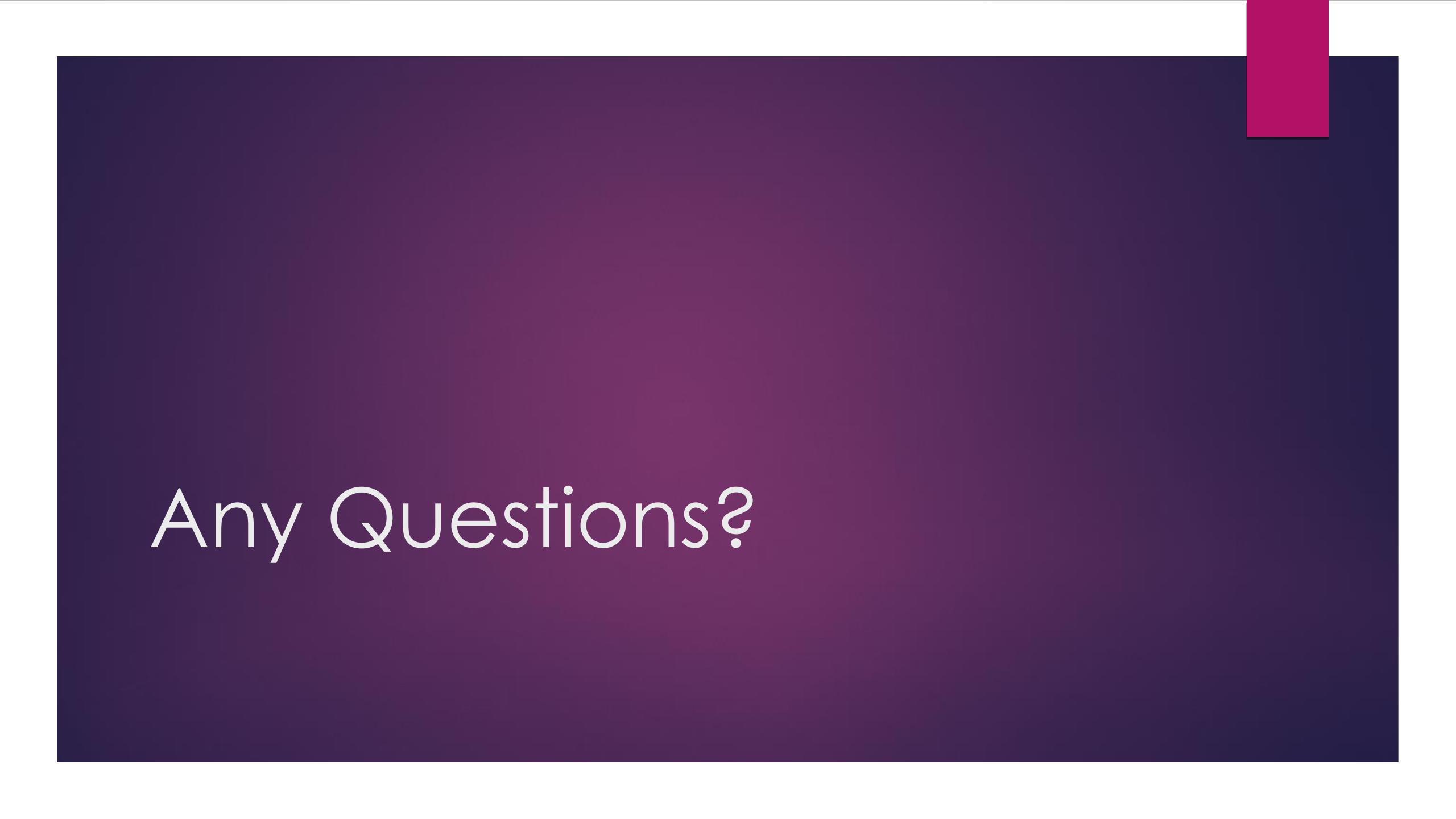
# When we get to go out...

- ▶ So the first session will be about learning the rules and about health and safety. We have looked at rules today but we will go through it again.
- ▶ One of the first activities is looking for hazards and putting signs on them so we are all aware of them.
- ▶ We will play some team games that I have picked out for us to do and we'll try and always do some sort of team activity during the sessions
- ▶ We will always have a break for a biscuit and a drink. This might be using something called a Kelly Kettle to make hot chocolate.
- ▶ We'll try and learn new skills in each session and in the first session we will try and make these...



# Natural Art in the Forest School





Any Questions?

I am looking forward to doing Forest school because...



I will have to remember whilst in Forest school to...

What I want to learn is...