

Forest School Vision Statement

Forest School is an inspirational process that offers all learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a natural environment.

At Capel St Mary we use the letters of our School name **CAPEL** to give us our school drivers... our children come to school to **Care, Achieve, Persevere, Enjoy and Learn!**

Using these drivers our intent is to provide a nurturing space that supports our children's well-being by providing and implementing positive Forest School sessions which are child led experiences.

We believe that every child is a tiny seed with the potential to become a mighty oak. Our biblical foundation comes from the story of the mustard seed in the book of Matthew:

"With faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains"

Matthew 13, verses 31 – 35

Our Forest School sessions lend to the parable of the mustard seed because as our children grow so do their ambitions and their horizons are broadened. We believe like the mustard seed that Forest School can have a far reaching impact and that our children will grow, flourish with love and care like the natural environment they are surrounded by.

Our vision is that all children should have the opportunity at Forest School to develop an inquisitive and positive relationship with the natural world, and for every child to have an opportunity to achieve on their own personal learning journey at their own pace and to its fullest potential, however they learn best.

This will be achieved by practitioner observations, which will feed into scaffolding and tailoring experiences to learning and development at Forest School.

Caring for each other and the natural environment in which we live.

Achieving for ourselves without judgement or expectations.

Persevering and building self-esteem from within

Enjoying the freedom of just 'being'

Learning about ourselves and to respect each other and the natural world.

We want all our learners to experience the outside in our woodland environment, to be able to develop their self-esteem and confidence in a hands on manner. Play is important in the Forest School Setting and we want to offer children and adults the chance to be creative, whilst developing their imagination, dexterity and social, physical, cognitive and emotional strength.