

OUTDOOR & FOREST SCHOOL · ALL AGES

Forest School Practitioner's Bookshelf

Curated reading for primary teachers

About this list

Forest School and outdoor learning is a discipline with serious academic foundations. Most teachers come to it via day-to-day practice and a 'just go outside more' instinct — but the depth comes from reading. This list groups books by purpose: • THE FOUNDATIONS — the books that shaped UK Forest School thinking • PRACTICAL GUIDES — books with activities, session plans, weekly structures • THE WIDER THINKING — childhood, risk, attention, modernity • CHILDREN'S NATURE BOOKS — for the reading corner alongside the practice If you read 1-2 from each group, you'll have built a serious foundation. If your school is going through Forest School training (Level 3) the practical guides and foundations will be assigned — but the wider-thinking section is what makes a practitioner thoughtful, not just compliant.

How to use the list



Reading order suggestion

