



# Halling Primary School

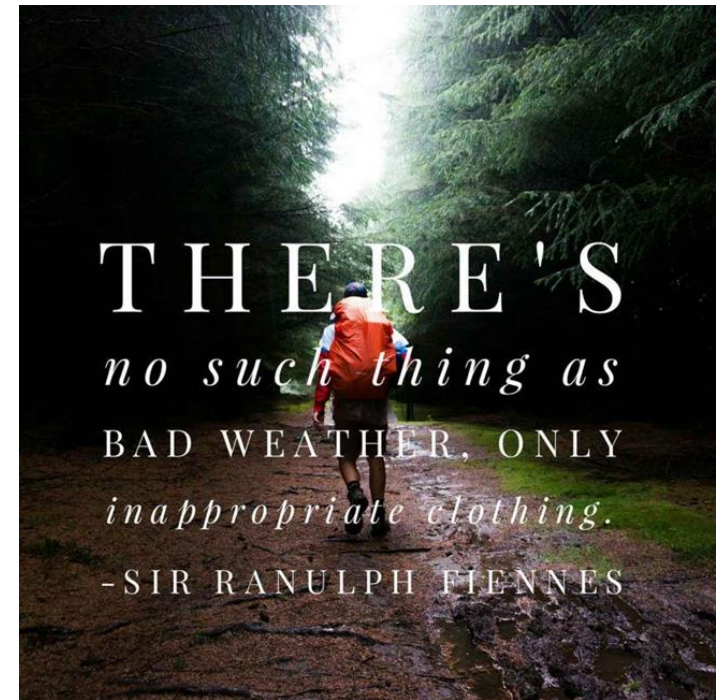
## Outdoor Learning Coverage Overview

At Halling School, we are very lucky to have amazing woodland on our school site. Outdoor learning is encouraged throughout the school and is used to support teaching and learning in various areas of the school curriculum.

Children in Reception have an outdoor learning day every week, which includes a range of different activities, including outdoor maths, gardening and pond dipping. They also spend half of the day doing Forest School activities.

The Forest School approach initiated from Scandinavia, where learning in the outdoors has been a key part of their curriculum since the 1950's. We use our woodland area all year round and in all weathers. Forest School allows children to develop independence, confidence and self-esteem. The sessions provide children with the freedom to explore using multiple senses.

We start by exploring the rules and routines of Forest School and talking about what we need to do to keep ourselves safe. We also look closely at the seasonal changes to our environment. Books are used to introduce many of the activities.



Other examples of the types of activities we carry out at Forest School include:

### Autumn

Making leaf crowns and Leaf Man

Leaf printing, clay hedgehogs and making mud faces on trees.

Magic potions, wands and broomsticks

Andy Goldsworthy art

### Winter

Animals that hibernate; bird feeders

Making things from sticks, including  
Stick man.

Christmas decorations

Fire safety

Ice art

### Spring

Planting seeds and bulbs, seed bombs

Exploring waterproof materials

Making kites

Life cycles and nest building

Weather

### Summer

Sun safety; light and shadow

Habitats, bug hunting and making bug hotels

Exploring colour, shade and texture

Comparing environments

Using tools; saw, palm drill, potato peeler

Hapa Zome art

Building shelters

Fire safety