

# **Forest School update March 2023**

**Forest School offers children a wonderful opportunity to lead their own play and take risks in a safe environment whilst enjoying the great outdoors.**

**An important part of running Forest School is looking after the habitat that we use and every 3 years an ecological action plan is written.**

**At the end of last year, it became apparent that soil erosion and compaction had caused large areas of the ground to become waterlogged and bare.**

**Having run Forest School for 3 years at Inkberrow Village Hall it was necessary to write a new plan.**

**We have top soiled and seeded the ground, put matting under areas of heavy use, pruned the trees and installed extra nest boxes and insect houses. We will also be planting up our flower bed with shrubs and seeds to attract insects and growing vegetables that the children can pick and eat at snack time.**

**The children have been involved in every stage of looking after the area and understand that the ground is currently being rested, a good life lesson in looking after their environment.**

**We hope to be able to use our Forest School area sometime in April once the grass is more established.**

**The patio area, although not ideal for Forest School has been adapted and has enabled the children to still enjoy their sessions whilst the Forest School area is being rested.**

**Forest School Clare**