



Learning in your forest

Celebrate FSC Friday with the Forestry Commission



The last Friday in September is FSC Friday – a celebration of forests, and a reminder of how well they need to be looked after.

Chat: Why are forests important...
... to people?
... to wildlife?



FSC stands for Forest Stewardship Council. The FSC is a system that checks whether forests around the world are being looked after carefully and sustainably.

Try this...

Find things in the forest whose names begin with the letters F, S and C



It is not just the timber that is important. In FSC-certified forests, wildlife is really important too.

Try this...

Be a wildlife detective and search for clues left behind by animals and birds:

- a feather
- a nut or chewed cone
- a nest
- an animal footprint

Chat:

How many animals and birds can you think of that live in the forest?



When trees are cut down in FSC-certified forests, new trees are planted or seeds are allowed to grow naturally.

Try this...

- stand on a tree stump - count the rings to see how old the tree was when it was cut down
- look for the smallest tree and the tallest tree



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FSC-certified forests have to be good for people too.



Try this...

- build a den
- ride a bike
- look for minibeasts
- make a mud pie

Chat:

What activities are other people doing in the forest today?



People work in forests all over the world. FSC-certification means that these people work safely and carefully and that they understand how to care for the forest while they are working.

Chat:

What sort of jobs do you think people do in the forest?



Try this...

- pretend you are a forest ranger showing people around the forest
- pretend you are cutting down a tree with a chainsaw
- what special equipment would you need to stay safe?
- look for people working in the forest



Timber from FSC-certified forests is used to make all sorts of things. You can tell when something is made from a forest that has been well cared for by looking for the FSC logo.

Try this...

- After your visit – look for the FSC logo on things made from wood when you go shopping

