

### In the Early Years at Hurst Hill

We are passionate about children being safe, happy, confident, well-rounded individuals with a love for learning. We believe that the Early Years Foundation Stage is crucial in securing solid foundations, which children can continue to build upon throughout their school life. It is our aim that the children who enter our EYFS develop physically, verbally, cognitively and emotionally whilst embedding a positive attitude towards school and the environment whilst developing a love of learning. We do this by ensuring that all children feel safe and happy in our engaging and stimulating environment - both indoors and out. This builds on each individual child's needs and interests. We believe that all children deserve to be valued as an individual and we are passionate in allowing all children to achieve their full, unique potential.

### Hurst Hill's Vision for Forest school.

As an Eco-school, Hurst Hill pupils are encouraged to question pollution and excess waste. They are educated to reduce, reuse and recycle to protect our planet and future generations. These skills are supported in our forest school where we aim to develop and instil a passion for sustainability, whilst also enhancing their passion for outdoor learning. Hurst Hill's forest school is a place of enquiry, creativity and being at one with nature. It develops respect, resilience, teambuilding skills and confidence in our pupils - especially those who have experienced trauma in their lives. Our forest school allows pupils to experience learning outdoors in a safe and fun environment; in many cases it provides an experience that some pupils would otherwise only witness in the media.