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Ropes

At forest school, ropes are used for a purpose, they become a valuable part of forest school sessions. When looking how versatile ropes can be, we came up with a few ideas on how they can be used effectively.



This child is using a rope to measure the length of the stick, but it could also be used to measure the girth of a tree or the height of another child.

Here the children are tying the rope onto a heavy stick to enable them to move it across the forest school site to their new shelter.





Following a story about Annancy the spider, these children decided to make a web. The children are co operating with one another, weaving ropes and tying knots to produce their large spiders web. Different sizes and textures of ropes were used to create a complex pattern. Children took it in turns to pretend to be Annancy sat in the web.

In this photo the child is tying a rope around a branch. He persevered with these knots for many weeks until he mastered the skill and made his own swing.



Adult volunteers are seen here making a semi - permanent shelter on a Forest School site. Rope is used to join the framework and to stabilise the structure.