

# Willow Tree Academy - Year 4 - Survival

## Key Knowledge

**Sherwood Country Park** lies just north of Edwinstowe, two miles from Ollerton and 17 miles north of Nottingham on the A614 Nottingham-Doncaster road. The park is within an area which originally bore a **Viking name "birch lund"**, now known as Birklands.

Sherwood Forest is famous for being the hideaway home of **medieval folk hero Robin Hood**.

It was designated a royal hunting forest following the **Norman invasion** of the country.

Large sections of the forest were felled in Medieval times, but areas of the forest still survive today, including the **Major Oak** where Robin Hood is reputed to have made his hideout.

Legend tells that Robin and his band of outlaws hunted the royal deer and **robbed "rich" noblemen** passing through the forest.

They often passed on their booty to the poor residents of the area. The Major Oak is said to be at **least 1000 years old** and weighs a massive 23 tons.

More than 900 of the trees in the park are over **600 years old**, and the forest is rich in wildlife.

The intact areas of forest gives a flavour of what our wild forests may have looked like thousands of years ago before farming was introduced.



## Key People

**Robin Hood**-Legendary heroic outlaw. Skilled archery and swordsman

**Maid Marian**- Love interest of Robin Hood

**Sheriff of Nottingham**- Main antagonist. Charged local people unaffordable taxes

**King Richard**- King of England during the Medieval Era

**Prince John**-Younger brother of King Richard. He tried to overrule his brother and tried to take over the throne.

**Little John**- Second in command- part of the merry men.

**Friar Tuck**- A monk who was part of the merry men.

## Vocabulary

**Survival**- Skill of keeping alive against all odds

**Medieval**- Relating to the middle ages from the 5th-15th Century

**Noblemen**- A person who has a title  
**Sherwood Forest**- Robin Hood's home situated in Nottinghamshire

**Shelter**- Somewhere to keep dry and warm  
**Folklore**- Traditional beliefs and customs passed on through word of mouth

**Injustice**- Lack of fairness or justice

**Nottingham**- A city in England

**Major Oak**- The hideaway place for Robin Hood and his merry men

**Legend**- An extremely famous or notorious person

**Outlaw**- A person who has broken the law

## Important Places

**Sherwood Forest**- Nottingham/Nottinghamshire

**Nottingham**- City in England

**Major Oak**- Tree in Sherwood Forest

**Nottingham Castle** - Known as a Castle of Rock

### The Major Oak

This amazing tree is still standing after many centuries. The legends say that this was the tree where Robin Hood and his merry men hid away.



## Literacy

Character Description: Robin Hood  
Narrative: Story of Robin Hood including T4W  
Instructions: Making a den  
Poetry: Medieval link

## Autumn 2

Newspaper Report: Robin Hood  
Scientific Investigation: Link to materials , Survivor asking for a new coat, investigation  
Balanced Argument: Robin Hood good or bad?

## Immersive Reading Text

*Outlaw - Michael Morpurgo*

## Maths

Place Value  
Addition  
Subtraction  
Multiplication  
Division

Roman Numerals Topic Maths

*Following the White Rose Scheme of Work*

## History

Timelines- Robin Hood  
Explorers through time  
Medieval Period- clothing, lifestyle, banquet  
Legends of Robin Hood  
History of Sherwood Forest- local link

## Computing

Digital Literacy  
E-Safety  
Purple Mash- Collect Data  
Comic Life- Link to E-safety  
Video, Film and Animation- Link to science investigation  
News- Green screen (link to newspaper)

## Music

Rotherham Music Service (*Drums, violins, clarinets, ukulele, trumpets*)

## Big Question – What do you need to survive?



**Visit:** Sherwood Forest  
GPS Merton Park  
**Text:** *Outlaw*

## Science

### Living Things

Pond Study,  
Identifications key,  
Classifying animals (nocturnal),  
Grouping all animals/mini beasts,  
Classifying plants

### Materials and Properties

States of Matter  
Comparing groups of materials  
Insulation- looking at different materials (Data loggers)  
Firewood Investigation  
Water- solid and gas  
Observe and Record

## Art & Design

Pencil sketching linked to science - Bug hotel & habitats  
Pen and Ink- Leaves, feathers and arrows  
Fabric work- Weaving, sewing  
Picture this  
Buildings  
**DT/STEM**  
Making a stew  
Growing vegetables (linking to Harvest)  
Den making (Investigation- identifying the best materials)  
Making the roof links to science Materials and their Properties

## PSHCE - New SCHEME (will update)

### P4C

Willow Tree P4C - A huge bag of worries.

## MFL

Colour  
Vegetables and Fruit - tasting food

## RE

Questions and answers on Life Story  
Hinduism and Christianity