

Working with Wood

Information for Families



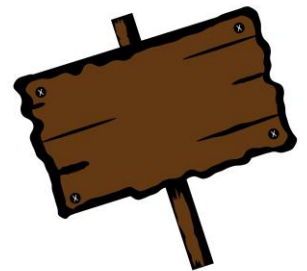
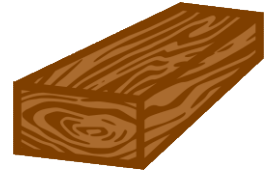
Torryburn Nursery

Growing and Learning Together!

KINDNESS FUN PLAY

What do children learn from working with wood?

- * To explore their environment.
- * To explore and experiment with the properties of natural materials.
- * Trial and error and problem solving.
- * STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).
- * An awareness of safety rules and why we must follow them.
- * To persevere in challenging tasks.
- * To listen to information and instructions from an adult.
- * To develop their fine motor skills.
- * To develop confidence and self-esteem.
- * To design, make and solve problems.
- * To develop their communication and team working skills.



Children work with real tools at the woodwork bench.

To ensure their safety:

- * The number of children working at the bench is limited.
- * The children are aware of the safety rules to follow.
- * The children are taught how to hold the tools correctly.
- * The tools stay at the bench and children may not walk around with them.
- * Any tool which is dropped is picked up immediately.
- * Children wear safety glasses while working at the woodwork bench.



* Nursery staff regularly observe the woodwork bench and ensure rules are consistently applied.

You can help your child to appreciate the beauty of wood and recognise the connection between trees and wooden objects.

Point out the various aspects of wood in its natural state, the textures and patterns and the scents and colours. Ask your child if they can find something made from wood in different places e.g. in the house, on a walk. This opens a wide range of things to investigate and explore.

