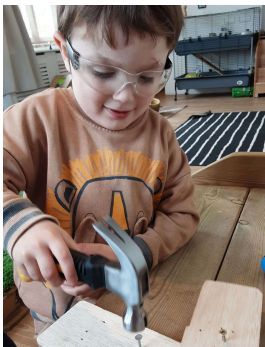


Woodwork

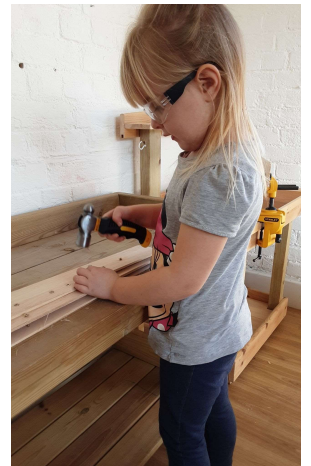
At MP Ware our eldest children have the opportunity to do woodwork, only the children attending school in the following year will be able to do this as the younger children simply do not have the motor skills yet. The sessions take place while some of the children are on forest school and for some afternoons.

The woodwork benches will be set up inside for the winter, they will be in a room where there is minimal foot traffic, perfect for concentrating! Until the children are competent in using the tools, they will be supervised on a 1:3 ratio, sawing will always be on a 1:1.



There are many benefits to woodworking, the obvious include physical skills such as fine motor skills and design and construction. Other not so obvious benefits include building resilience and confidence, using positional language, shape, space and measure development and knowledge and understanding of woods, trees and occupations which work with wood.

A risk assessment has been completed and is published in the welcome pack, the children will need to be signed off for using tools as their competence grows and they will only be introduced one by one. Initially the children will use balsa wood as it is very soft until they become more confident when they will move onto pine- still soft but more sustainable.



The tools the children will use initially will be:

- Ball- pein hammers
- Claw hammers
- Screwdrivers
- Hand drills
- Japanese dozuki saw
- G Clamps

We will have some rules for the woodwork which the children will need to abide by to be able to take part, these include:

- Holding tools correctly
- Walking while holding tools
- Being safe with tools
- Listening to grown ups
- Wearing our safety goggles

