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### Risk Assessment – Stories on the Nature Reserve (Bear Hunt, Gruffalo, Stick Man, Traditional Tales)

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#### Operating Notes:

Supervision ratio is 1 instructor to 1 class plus one additional instructor nearby. There is no requirement for an additional adult. Instructor to be trained to in-house syllabus. Refresher training as directed by session observations. The school is responsible for grouping the pupils with a supervising adult.

**Risk – Benefit Statement:** The changing conditions and risks from prickly plants are all part of the wonder of nature. Learning to explore nature safely at a young age can bring long term benefits in wellbeing and a deeper understanding of natural science.

Hazard Description and activities giving rise to risk	Who may be harmed	Control Measures	Risk Rating
Injury with scissors, choking on craft materials <b>Craft Activity in Classroom</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate scissors and craft equipment will be provided</li> <li>Pupils will be instructed to walk with care around the classroom</li> </ul>	low
Slips, trips, falls. Public & dogs <b>Walking on the reserve</b>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor leads the way, pupils walk behind, with member of staff at end of line</li> <li>Pupils told not to talk to public</li> <li>Pupils told not to stroke dogs, we stand still &amp; wait for owner to put dog on lead</li> <li>Groups of pupils assigned an adult to stay in sight of at all times</li> <li>Pupils warned of hazards: rabbit holes, open water, nettles, gorse, overhanging branches</li> </ul>	low

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<p>Getting lost Injury from sticks and pebbles Bacteria from handling natural materials <b>Stopping on the reserve to use natural materials for activity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor to scan area for litter or hazards let behind by public and remove them</li> <li>Pupils will be told of the boundaries and must remain where their appointed adult can see them at all times</li> <li>Pupils told walk sensibly when carrying sticks</li> <li>Pupils told to move pebbles with care and consideration for others safety</li> <li>Wash hands with soapy water after activity and before eating</li> </ul>	low
<p>Death by poisoning <b>Poisonous plants and fungi</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural hazards pointed out and children told to admire but not touch</li> </ul>	medium
<p><b>First Aid emergencies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take first aid kit</li> <li>Take radio</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Weather Conditions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lead instructor will review the risk assessment in view of the season &amp; weather on the day.</li> <li>The instructor will amend activity if ongoing changing weather conditions effect risks</li> <li>Examples: avoid the sand bowl in dry windy weather, activities in the conifer wood provide shade and prevent sunburn, clear wet leaves from ramps in autumn</li> </ul>	low