

Wakayama International School of English Forest School



W.I.S.E. forest school

In the spring of 2024, W.I.S.E. plan to open Japan's first and only "all-British International Forest School" in Kimiidera, Wakayama City. Building on W.I.S.E.'s ethos of delivering high quality and affordable English education in Wakayama, W.I.S.E. forest school will be so much more than just another school...

The concept of the 'forest school' was developed in northern Europe during the 1950's and later became a key part of the education narrative at kindergartens and elementary schools throughout the continent. In the UK alone, there are now over 10,000 forest schools as the evidence for forest school children is clear – they perform better overall later in life.

According to Plymouth Marjon University (2023) *"Research in the UK into Forest School and its impacts on young children found positive impacts on children in terms of confidence, social skills, language and communication, motivation and concentration, physical skills and knowledge and understanding"*.



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As a natural world enthusiast and MSc Environmental Management scholar, Rob Sensei's aim is to follow the UK's Early Years Foundation curriculum, in English, at W.I.S.E. Forest School!

In an environment surrounded by nature there will be an English classroom, forest library, campground, allotment, BBQ space, pizza oven, chalk wall and activity centre. All activities and lessons undertaken will be designed to build fundamental life skills that develop character, personality, social interactions, physical mobility and independence. Furthermore, your child will develop an all-important skill to communicate in English, which will improve their chances of accessing top schools, as well as excelling in critical thinking and creativity.

Come and join us for the ride, it will be great!



Meet the Staff



Kisa (left)

Rob Sensei (middle)

Ai (right)



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MASTER OF SCIENCE*

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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Instructors Ini Baker

Robert Sarkozi

Date Nov. 18, 2023
Length 1.5 total hours

About Rob Sensei

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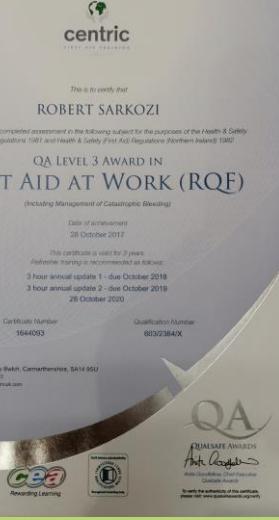
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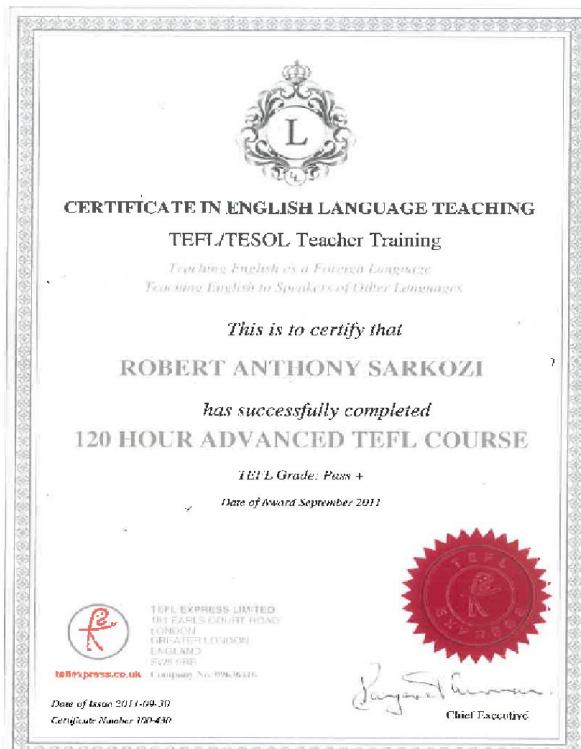
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Robert Sarkozi

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Length 5.5 total hours



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forest school aims:

- All learners will be:
- equal, unique and valuable
 - competent to explore & discover and challenge
 - entitled to experience appropriate risk
 - entitled to choose, and to initiate and drive their own learning and development
 - entitled to experience regular success
 - entitled to develop positive relationships with themselves and other people
 - entitled to develop a strong, positive relationship with their natural world



UK Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Objectives:

W.I.S.E. will adopt the EYFS objectives for students*

- communication and language
- physical development
- personal, social and emotional development
- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design



*There is no formal testing. Development is measured via observation & feedback.

W.I.S.E. Forest School Saturday Highlights



- 100% British English
- Adopt the UK's Early Years Foundation Stage
- Apply guidance from the Forest School Association
- Games, Activities and Crafting (in English)
- Camp Fire and BBQ Lunch (made by children)
- Learn English Alphabet & Phonics (4-6 years)
- Learn English Reading and Writing (7-12 years)
- All Ages Play, Learn and Work Together (in English)
- Build English Comprehension and Life Skills
- Enjoy and Understand the Natural Environment

Forest School Saturday Programme

Morning Club

- 10:00 – Arrive & Welcome
- 10:10 – Collect Sticks and Firewood
- 10:30 – English Time
(4-6 years Alphabet + Phonics,
7-12 years Reading + Writing)
- 11:30 – Prepare for Lunch (wash and cut vegetables, make the fire, cook lunch over the BBQ)
- 12:15 – Eat Lunch Together
- 12:45 – Wash up and Prepare for Afternoon (forest school or home)

Afternoon Club

- 13:00 – Forest Walk + Activities
- 14:00 – English Time
(4-6 years Alphabet + Phonics,
7-12 years Reading + Writing)
*Morning Club children can choose alternative activities such as den making, insect collection or mud kitchen
- 15:00 – Forest Crafting + Games
- 15:45 – English Story Time
- 15:55 - Prepare for Home Time
- 16:00 – Pick up and Finish

United Nations (UN) International Days Activities

To foster a sense of international inclusiveness, W.I.S.E. will observe the UN International Days and seasonal events, creating activities and educational material to enjoy.



- January 24th: World Day of Education
- February 2nd: World Wetlands Day
- March 3rd: World Wildlife Day
- April 23rd: World Book Day
- May 20th: World Bee Day
- June 8th: World Oceans Day
- July 30th: International Friendship Day
- August: Summer Holidays (Limited School)
- September 29th: International Food Waste Awareness Day
- October 16th: World Food Day
- November 26th: World Sustainable Transport Day
- December 5th: World Soil Day

Spring - Special Events / Activities

March: Mother's Day



April: Easter



May: Children's Day



Summer – Special Events / Activities

June: Father's Day



July: Summer Party



August: Summer Camp



Autumn - Special Events / Activities

October: Halloween

September: Welcome Back

November: Guy Fawkes



Winter - Special Events / Activities

January: New Year's Resolutions

December: Christmas

February: Valentine's Day



Games & Activities at W.I.S.E. Forest School

- Mud kitchen
- Crafting
- Forest yoga
- Firewood collection
- Fire making
- Insect collection / study
- Seasonal observation
- English, maths and science
- Global studies
- UN World Day's activities
- Grow and eat organic food
- Rope swing
- Tree climbing
- Den making
- British events / culture
- English story time
- English songs and nursery rhymes
- Interact with international people
- BBQ
- Pizza oven



W.I.S.E. Forest School Saturday Fees

Annual Fee (Full Day, 48 Classes):

10:00 - 16:00 (including lunch)

336,000 (28,000 per month)

Annual Fee (Half Day, 48 Classes):

10:00 - 13:00 (including lunch)

216,000 (16,000 per month)

Membership Fee:

15,000 per year*

*includes free gift, workbook,
insurance and 20% discount on
additional W.I.S.E. classes

Annual Fee (Half Day, 48 Classes):

13:00 - 16:00 (no lunch)

168,000 (14,000 per month)

Additional Service!

Child Pick up / Drop off

W.I.S.E. can pick up your child from W.I.S.E.'s city centre classroom enroute to W.I.S.E. Forest School and drop off at the same location afterwards. Alternative pick up locations may also be possible (but extra fees may incur depending on the location). School bus spaces are limited and will operate on a first-come first-serve basis.

This service will cost an additional 4,000 per month.

Please note that W.I.S.E. Forest School has **car parking**, but it is very limited. Therefore, when using this facility, we ask that you arrive and leave promptly.
Thank you for understanding.



About W.I.S.E. Forest School

W.I.S.E. Forest School is proud to state that we have prepared a great **indoor English classroom** for our students. The reason we are proud of this is because the very concept of a 'forest school' is to provide all of the education and activities outside! In addition, we have an incredible **forest library** for children to read, relax and enjoy nature, whilst gazing at the forest outside.

The majority of conventional forest schools also have no toilet facilities! At W.I.S.E. however we have installed a **toilet in the designated toilet building** for use any time.

Environmentally, our aim is to be as plastic-free as possible, using local products, organic food and environmentally-friendly materials. Great!

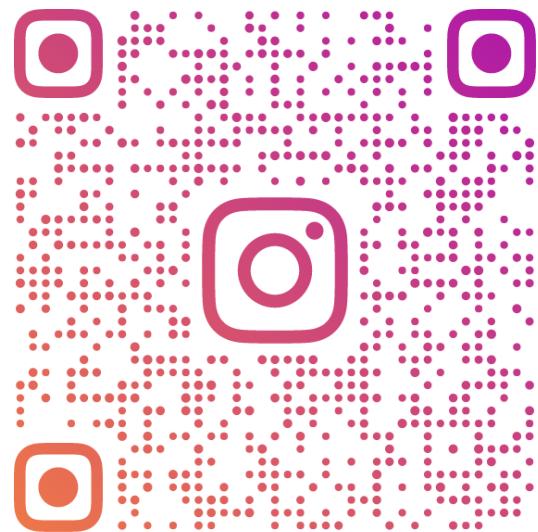
Additional Information!



Rules and Disclaimers

- At W.I.S.E. International Forest School there will be fire-making, use of tools and equipment, natural resource collection, forest walking, insect collection and others. All activities will be completed with care; however W.I.S.E. cannot be held responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur. Each member will be insured, but by enrolling at W.I.S.E. you are agreeing to the disclaimers.
- W.I.S.E.'s insurance policy also covers damage to some clothes, books and personal belongings, but we cannot be held responsible for any other damage.
- The W.I.S.E. Membership renews annually and must be paid in April each year. Member insurance is paid within the membership fee, so it's vitally important that all school fees are paid punctually and one month in advance at all times.
- Children from 4 years old are welcome.

W.I.S.E. Wakayama City / Contact Information



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