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Dear Parents and Carers,

Commencing next week, the children in Year 2 will have an opportunity to take part in weekly Forest School sessions once again. The children will be able to experience the outdoors in a variety of weathers, experience the changes of the natural world around them and have a chance for free play within the setting using a range of equipment and tools led by a trained specialist teacher. It will be lovely to see the Year 2 children again and allow them to have a chance to revisit the Forest School area and build on the skills they previously learned.







YEAR 2 FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Please read the timetable below carefully to see the dates that your child's class will be taking part in Forest School. On the days of your session, please send your children in with their Forest School clothes (see information on the next page regarding clothes).

WEEK	DATE	CLASS		DATE	CLASS
1	NO FOREST SCHOOL (5/11)	2IJ		NO FOREST SCHOOL (6/11)	2NW
2	Thursday 12th November	2IJ		Friday 13th November	2NW
3	Thursday 19th November	2IJ		Friday 20th November	2NW
4	Thursday 26th November	2IJ		Friday 27th November	2NW
5	Thursday 3rd December	2IJ		Friday 4th December	2NW
6	Thursday 10th December	2IJ		Friday 11th December	2NW
7	Thursday 17th December	2IJ		Friday 18th December	2NW
Christmas holiday: Commences Monday 21st December					

CLOTHING:
IMPORTANT! As we are in the winter months, please ensure that the children have plenty of layers and WATERPROOF OUTER LAYERS when the forecast is wet. The children will be encouraged to be hands on with the activities so it is highly likely that they will get wet and muddy and so will their clothes! On their session dates, please send your child into school with these named items in a strong carrier bag or additional rucksack:

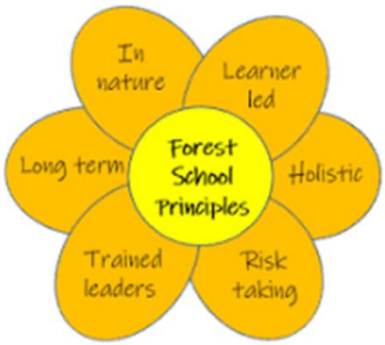
- Wellies
- Warm socks long enough for wellies
- Old trousers that can get muddy
- Old t-shirt
- Thin old long-sleeved top
- Old warm jumper that can get muddy
- Waterproofs (coat and trousers or an all-in-one is recommended)
- Wooly hat (especially when colder)
- Gloves
- SPARE CARRIER BAG for putting their dirty wellies and clothes in to take home

The sessions WILL take place in all weathers and will last approximately 1 ½ hours (unless it is thundering, lightning or high winds!), so please ensure that your child is prepared in what they are wearing. At the end of each session, your child's clothing will be sent home with them as they may need to be dried out/cleaned off ready for the following week.

- <u>Our sessions will be guided by the 6 Forest School Principles:</u>

LONG TERM-Forest School consists of frequent and regular sessions within the natural environment. Planning, adapting, observation and review is a key element of Forest School. As part of this long-term process, children will have the chance to see our site change with the seasons but be a familiar place that they visit.

IN NATURE-The relationship of the learner and the natural environment is built on each time that they re-visit the Forest School setting.



HOLISTIC-It is the aim that Forest School will promote the holistic development of learners fostering resilient, confident, creative and independent learners.

RISK TAKING- Forest School offers learners the chance to take supported risks which are appropriate to the setting and to each individual.

TRAINED LEADERS-A leader will be Forest School trained and will be a practitioner who continuously maintains and develops their own professional practise as well as making observations in order to inform planning in future sessions.

LEARNER LED-Forest School creates a community of learners who have the opportunity to make decisions and choices for themselves with support from an observant practitioner. Equipment will be made available to the learners which they may choose to use in different sessions.

I am really looking forward to working with the Year 2 children again.
Kind regards



Mr Yarrow Level 3 Forest School Leader