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Dear Parents/Carers of Children in 5

We are delighted to be reintroducing our Forest School programme to our Year 5 children this half term as part of our Enrichment lessons. Forest school gives children the unique opportunity to experience play and learning in a controlled outdoor environment. The work will have a strong emphasis on raising all children's confidence and independence whilst developing the children's awareness and understanding of the outdoors. Forest School will be taught through cross curricular sessions to enhance the children's' learning across all subjects.

An integral part of the Forest School experience is that children will be outdoors in **ALL** weathers, with the exception of very high winds and thunder storms. Your child will need suitable outdoor clothes that they can change into for their Forest School session. These clothes should be labelled with your child's name and should be brought in to school every Thursday until the Easter Holidays. If a change of clothing (including a coat) is not sent in to school your child may not be able to take part in all the Forest School activities.

This would include:

- an old waterproof coat,
- waterproof or old, warm trousers,
- wellies or "walking boots"
- an old jumper and jogging bottoms/leggings
- gloves and hat if cold weather
- **plastic bag to put the dirty clothes in**

Please bear in mind that your child **WILL GET VERY MUDDY!** If you are struggling for suitable clothing then please come and talk to us about how we can help.

Sessions will be led by a fully qualified Forest School Leader and school support staff. Your child will participate in Forest School sessions on a **Thursday**.

If you have any questions about Forest School, please feel free to approach Mrs Marshall, our newly assigned Forest School Leader or Mr Done.

Thank you for your support during this exciting time for your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Marshall

Forest School Leader



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