

Y2 Forest School Adventures – Autumn One 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are delighted to say that **Owls Class will be going to Forest School this half term until the half term break starting this Wednesday 7th September in the morning** with Mrs Corps, Miss Allen, Mrs Woods and long-term forest school community volunteers. Our Forest School takes place in a beautiful local private woodland, just a short walk away from school. They will get another half term of Forest School in Spring 2.

Forest School gives children the opportunity to explore their local woodland environment on a regular basis. Spending time outdoors children come closer to seasonal changes and begin to develop a meaningful connection and empathy with local plant and animal life. **This term we will be making links to our Explore Curriculum; for example collecting data about the flora and fauna found on the site and investigating our impact (negative and positive) on the woodland.** The children will direct their own play, choosing what to explore, either on their own or with peers and adults. The freedom to choose increases a child's determination to succeed, building personal resilience, encouraging natural fine and gross motor development, extending communication skills and affording a child a real sense of personal achievement. Children also enjoy the time and space to develop existing and new friendships. At our Forest School children begin to use basic bush craft techniques and tools, and experience fire craft. The children are encouraged to do some responsible risk-taking with adults on hand to play and for guidance. If you are interested in volunteering to support Forest School, please contact the school office so that we can give you further information.

Here are the dates for your diaries or to stick on your fridge!

Wednesday 7 th September 2022
Wednesday 14 th September 2022
Wednesday 21 st September 2022
Wednesday 28 th September 2022
Wednesday 5 th October 2022
Wednesday 12 th October 2022
Wednesday 19 th October 2022
Autumn Half term

We will be going on our Forest School adventures no matter what the weather conditions are, with the exception of very high winds, continuous heavy rain and lightning.

On Forest School days the children should wear their FS clothes to arrive at school with their full school uniform, including school shoes, in a labelled bag. They will be able to change into their uniform when they return to school. It is essential that the children wear sturdy shoes or wellington boots and a waterproof coat as well as layers to keep warm and that they can take off as the weather changes.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Corps