

Miss Allen's Explore Class Forest School Adventures – Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are delighted to say that **Badgers Class will be going to Forest School for the whole term until the Christmas break starting this Wednesday 8th September in the morning** with Mrs Corps, Miss Allen, Mrs Langley and 3 long-term forest school community volunteers. Our Forest School takes place in a beautiful local private woodland, just a short walk away from school.

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 would like to know more about our Forest School adventures follow this link to our short video <https://www.fernhurst.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Forest+School&pid=36>.

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

 <p>Badgers Class Autumn Forest School Adventures</p> 	Wednesday 8 th Sept – 9.00am – 12.00pm	Wednesday 3 rd Nov
	Wednesday 15 th Sept – 9.00am – 12.00pm	Wednesday 10 th Nov
	Wednesday 22 nd Sept – 9.00am – 12.00pm	Wednesday 17 th Nov
	Wednesday 29 th Sept – 9.00am – 12.00pm	Wednesday 24 th Nov
	Wednesday 6 th Oct – 9.00am – 12.00pm	Wednesday 1 st Dec
	Wednesday 13 th Oct – 9.00am – 12.00pm	Wednesday 8 th Dec
	Wednesday 20 th Oct – 9.00am – 12.00pm	Wednesday 15 th Dec
	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 to change into afterwards. 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 and Miss Allen