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Deer Class Forest School Adventures – Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to say that **Deer Class will be going to Forest School for the whole Spring term until the Easter break. The sessions will be every Wednesday morning, starting on Wednesday 5th January** with Mrs Corps, Mrs Langley, class Teaching and Learning Support Assistants and two long-term 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. 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>Deer Class Spring Term Forest School Adventures</p> 	Wednesday 5 th Jan – 9am – 12pm	Wednesday 2 nd March 9am – 12pm
	Wednesday 12 th Jan – 9am – 12pm	Wednesday 9 th March 9am – 12pm
	Wednesday 19 th Jan – 9am – 12pm	Wednesday 16 th March 9am – 12pm
	Wednesday 26 th Jan – 9am – 12pm	Wednesday 23 rd March 9am – 12pm
	Wednesday 2 nd Feb - 9am – 12pm	Wednesday 30 th March 9am – 12pm
	Wednesday 9 th Feb – 9am – 12pm	Wednesday 6 th April 9am – 12pm
	Wednesday 16 th Feb – 9am – 12pm	Easter Holidays
	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 lighting. On Forest School days, the



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children should wear their forest school clothing into school and a change of clothes for them to change into if they are particularly wet or muddy in a labelled bag. It is essential that the children wear sturdy shoes or wellington boots and a waterproof coat and trousers, as well as layers to keep warm and that they can take off as the weather changes.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Corps

