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Dear Parent/Carer

Forest School Sessions

As a school we feel it is critical that we equip our children not only academically but with key citizenship skills that will be needed throughout life. Skills such as resilience, co-operation and taking-turns are a must in our world today. With this in mind we have made the decision that our Forest School provision will be on offer to all our pupils from Nursery up to Year 6, as this provision has these key life skills at the heart of it.

This term, all children in our foundation Unit (Reception) and Year 1 will be taking part in Forest School/Outdoor Learning starting this week. These sessions will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon until the end of November 2024.

Your child will need to bring the following with them, in a bag, every week:

- A pair of long jogging bottoms or leggings (no shorts).
- A hoodie or jumper with long sleeves to change into.
- Wellingtons boots, old boots or an old pair of sturdy trainers (may get muddy).
- A pair of socks to cover your child's ankles.
- Sun hat, sun screen if desired.
- Insect repellent could be applied at home on the day of your child's Forest School session.

Forest School/Outdoor Learning will take place on the Firbeck school grounds during the normal school day. These sessions will be led by Miss Godwin, who is a trained Forest School Teacher.

School will provide your child with a pair of waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket to wear each week during these sessions, dependent on weather or to ensure they have long garments on as we will be doing Forest School in all weathers. However, if the weather is extremely wet or hot we will shorten the outdoor time and continue with an indoor activity.

Your child will change into their Forest School clothing during the school day but will leave school at the end of the day in their outdoor clothing (jogging bottoms, hoodie and school shoes.) They will bring their usual school clothes and wellingtons home in the bag.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for photos on our website!

Team Firbeck