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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will know we are excited to be introducing Forest School provision this year within the school grounds. The provision will give each child in the school the opportunity to take part in a minimum of seven sessions every year.

Forest School is a form of outdoor learning which gives children the opportunity to build confidence, increase their resilience, develop problem solving skills and improve their communication skills in a natural environment. It is a fantastic way of fostering a love of nature; so vital in today's society.

The children are given freedom to choose from a range of activities and go at their own pace whilst learning skills such as fire lighting, den building, cooking over fire, identifying flora and fauna, storytelling and using woodworking tools. These activities are woven into creative sessions allowing the children to develop both physically and emotionally in small, supportive groups.

Forest School will be run every day by Mrs Goodwin and Miss Kelleher, both qualified level 3 leaders. They will be known to the children by the Forest School names of Mori and Cosima.

Forest school sessions will take place in all-weather conditions so on the days that your child has forest school sessions, they will need to bring warm and waterproof clothing, including wellies/other sturdy outdoor footwear, to change into. If you do not have these items of clothing or footwear, anything they can get messy in is fine. The children will change back into their school uniform afterwards.

How it all works!

The following classes will be having forest school this half term:

- Robin, Kingfisher, Goldfinch, Puffin, Buzzard, Red Kite and some Merlin children will also have one session.

The children will attend Forest School in small groups, rather than whole classes, across allocated weeks. For this reason, please can the children bring their Forest School clothes and footwear to school **at the start of each week they have Forest school and** leave them in school for that week, so that they are ready to change into their clothes when it is their turn:

Week commencing	Classes
9 th September	Buzzard Red Kite, Robin
16 th September	Goldfinch, Puffin, Kingfisher
23 rd September	Buzzard, Red Kite, Robin
30 th September	Goldfinch, Puffin, Kingfisher
7 th October	Buzzard, Red Kite, Robin
14 th October	Goldfinch, Puffin, Kingfisher
21 st October	Buzzard, Red Kite, Merlin

I will write to you closer to the end of each half term, to let you know which classes will be having their sessions the following half term.

Keep an eye on our school Facebook page for pictures of the children enjoying our new provision.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson
Headteacher