

Loatlands Forest School News

Year 1 will be having the opportunity to access our Forest school provision during the Autumn term. The children will be split in to 2 groups, the Willows and the Apple Blossoms. They will be completing forest school sessions every fortnight on a Friday afternoon.

Information about which group your child is in will be sent out in September.

Your child will get changed out of their uniform in to their Forest School kit after lunch. We ask that parents send in a set of clothes for the children to change in to. These clothes will get muddy and dirty so please ensure that they are not precious in anyway. **To reduce the amount of contact between staff and children please can we ask that children bring clothes that they are able to change into by themselves.** A kit list is given at the bottom of this letter. Children must have the correct kit for their own safety. If they do not have the correct kit then I will be unable to take them out for the sessions. We will be going out side in all weathers so it is essential that your child has the correct kit. If they feel the cold send lots of extra layers.

Throughout the term I will share experiences that we have had and let you know some of the activities that we have been completing .

I am absolutely thrilled to be offering the children the chance to access this provision over the course of the term. If you have any concerns or queries then please come and speak with me.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Greenwood.

Typical Forest School Activities

- Den building
- Story telling
- Sculpture
- Nature trails
- Art
- Pond dipping
- Bug hunting
- Campfire cooking
- Sensory games
- Team games
- Potion making
- Listening games
- Using tools
- Mud kitchen
- Weaving

What is Forest School?

“**Forest School** is an inspirational process, that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees. “ (Forest School Association)

The aim is to allow children to have a hands on learning experience using nature as their greatest resource. They will be able to assess and manage risks, develop their problem solving skills, be given opportunities to work as a team They will also have the chance to follow their own line of enquiry or interests and lead their own independent learning. We will be accessing all areas of the curriculum through our Forest School learning Most importantly we want children to have fun and enjoy their Forest School experience.

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful site that offers the children lots of opportunities to learn outdoors. We will also be walking down to Desborough Pocket Park to allow the children to experience another setting and to increase the experiences that we can offer the children.

Requirements :

- Long sleeved top
- Trousers (joggers)
- Socks (thick ones in the winter)
- Wellington boots or a sturdy boot.
- Sunhat (warm weather)
- Hats, gloves, scarves (cold weather)
- Waterproof coat (all weather)
- Water proof trousers , if you already have them.
- Thick jumpers or fleeces in the winter
- Sun cream– This needs to be applied before school in the morning. It can be brought in with your child’s name on but your child must be able to apply it themselves.
- Antihistamines if required, but a medical form must be completed from the school office.
- Named water bottle.

We will provide waterproof trousers if needed and protective gloves.