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Dear Parents / Carers

We are going to embark on a Forest Schools programme within school.

The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire children through positive outdoor experiences. By taking part in a range of tasks children have opportunities to develop skills such as self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy, good communication skills, independence, positive mental attitudes, self-esteem, confidence and teamwork. In addition they will learn some outdoor skills, and the activities will contribute towards the school curriculum.

Some of the activities will also include fire making, tree climbing (to a safe height) and whittling using 'sharp' equipment. All the activities will be fully risk assessed and closely monitored.

We are working with a Forest School Leader (who is fully qualified to lead the activities) to put together a suitable programme specific to our children.

Year 6 children will be taking part in a 'taster' session on Wednesday 8th March. They should therefore come to school in 'old clothing' and suitable footwear on this day, with their uniform to change into at lunch time.

Following this, other classes will take part in weekly sessions on a 'rolling programme' during the summer term and into next year. Further details for these will be given shortly.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Chappell

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