

Thursday 18th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 4,

It is nearly time for Forest School to start.

What is Forest School:

Forest School started in Scandinavia and is a way of learning in a woodland environment. It provides the space where people can develop socially, emotionally and physically through play, following individual and preferred learning styles. For more information, please visit <http://www.forestschoollassociation.org/>.

Starting from **Thursday 8th January** Year 4 will be going to Forest School in Term 3.

On Thursdays we would like the children to come to school dressed in their Forest School kits. I recommend that the children wear joggers, sweatshirt/hoodie and trainers. Please don't send them in anything expensive as they will be getting muddy. Children must be covered due to the nature of activities they will be partaking in such as climbing trees and building fires.

In a named bag they will need to bring their waterproof trousers, and their wellies. I recommend a separate waterproof jacket and trousers, so it is easy for the children to access the bathroom rather than an all in one.

Mr Hogwood will be leading these sessions, supported by members of the Y4 team.

The Forest School sessions will involve:

- Exploration of the area
- Developing risk management
- Using natural materials
- Den building
- Fire Lighting
- Whittling
- Games



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What to bring

As Forest School sessions take place outside, regardless of weather conditions (unless the weather presents a danger), it is important to bring the following:

- Wellies or sturdy shoes which can get dirty plus a carrier bag to put them in
- Waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers
- Hat and gloves
- Spare socks

If you have any questions, please do hesitate to get in contact via the office.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Hogwood and Mrs Malhotra