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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## **Re: Forest School**

I am delighted to share with you the exciting news that our Forest School at Warren Wood will be running for Year 5 children during term 2. Children in Robin and Woodpecker classes will take part in Forest School on:

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Forest School is an opportunity for your child to experience nature and the outdoor environment in a safe, secure and hands on way. Our 'forest' is a designated area located at the bottom of our school field. We have a qualified instructor who will lead Forest School, along with Year 5 staff and the children will be taught in their class groups.

The children are encouraged to investigate and explore but also to respect all living things. Children learn best from first hand experiences, exploring, playing and so learn using a range of activities, both designed by the leader and instigated by the children themselves. Building a sense of independence, high self-esteem and team work are important parts of Forest School, linking closely with our Skills for Life values. Children will have a range of experiences in Forest School, including building and handling tools but please be assured that health and safety considerations are always of paramount importance.

In order to take part in Forest School, the children must bring the following items with them on Thursdays. Please use old clothes and let your child know that at Forest School they CAN GET DIRTY and you don't mind!

- Sturdy trainers, boots or wellies
- Socks
- Long trousers/leggings/jogging bottoms



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- Long sleeved top
- Coat

## Please note that Forest School will still take place if it is raining so a waterproof jacket and waterproof over trousers will be useful.

Children should wear their school uniform and bring their Forest School clothes in a separate bag to change in to. They will then change back into their clean uniform after Forest School.

We are very much looking forward to starting our Forest School journey and sharing the children's learning with you.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Magee Forest School Lead



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