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Dear Year 1 Parents (St. Joseph's Class),



We are excited to inform you that your child will be taking part in Forest School sessions this term (St. Joseph's Class only). These sessions will take place every second week, with a total of six sessions throughout the term. The sessions will link to the Year 1 'Plants' topic and they will have the opportunity to do lots of hands-on learning in nature. Please see the dates below:

Tuesday 29th April Tuesday 13th May Tuesday 3rd June Tuesday 17th June Tuesday 1st July Tuesday 15th July

The children will spend the afternoon outdoors in the area at the back of the school field. Over time, we will develop this area as a group. Activities will include planting, growing, making dens, painting, identifying plants, using tools with support, playing in the 'mud kitchen area' and using potato peelers for whittling. When the children are ready to follow rules around the fire area, we will also have a campfire and toast marshmallows. A risk assessment has been carried out for all activities and the children will be led by Miss Dorgan and three other adults. Forest School offers an excellent opportunity for your child to explore and learn in the outdoors, developing their skills and confidence in a natural environment.

As your child's sessions are taking place in the Summer Term, the weather is likely to be mild. Your child can continue to come into school in their PE kit on Forest School days but will need to bring any weather appropriate clothing. Please ensure children have hats and suncream applied prior to school on sunny days.

Part of the Forest School ethos is children having the freedom to get involved in their natural environment so they may get wet or muddy. There will be water available from 13th May session in the mud kitchen area. Please send in wellies, waterproofs and/or spare clothing from this date. **Please note – no special clothing other than sun hats is required on Tuesday 29th April.**

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards, The Year 1 Team