



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year R Forest School Sessions

We are pleased to be offering Forest School sessions to all children in Year R in the summer term.

Forest School provides learning opportunities through practical activities in an outdoor environment. Children enjoy the freedom to explore and experience the natural world in all seasons and in all weathers. Forest School embraces an approach of nurturing, supporting and developing the self-esteem of its participants. It is an ideal environment in which to develop innovation, problem solving, risk taking, creativity and teamwork. Our Forest School setting is continually evolving to meet the needs and interests of the children and to develop their understanding and respect for the natural world.

Our Forest School sessions are led by Mr Calver and Mrs Parker, qualified Forest School leaders. The children are accompanied by adults from their year group to support their learning. The safety and welfare of the children is paramount. All Forest School activities are age-appropriate and risk assessed.

Morning Sessions

Puffins	Parrots	Penguins
Tuesday 29 th April	Tuesday 6 th May	Tuesday 22 nd April
Tuesday 20 th May	Tuesday 3 rd June	Tuesday 13 th May
Tuesday 17 th June	Tuesday 24 th June	Tuesday 10 th June
Tuesday 8 th July	Tuesday 15 th July	Tuesday 1 st July

Clothing:

The correct clothing is essential for Forest School sessions. Your child will need to **come to school** wearing their Forest School clothing on their Forest School day. If the correct kit is not worn, your child may not be able to participate in the session.

Forest School clothing must include:

- Sturdy shoes/trainers, or wellies (depending on the weather).
- Waterproof coat (and waterproof trousers if you have them)
- Long trousers and long-sleeved top.
- Long socks.
- Sunhat and sunscreen if needed.
- Hat and gloves in cold weather

Please can the children also bring a spare set of clothes (including pants and socks) and a small towel in a separate plastic bag, as Forest School sessions continue in the rain and the children may get muddy and need to change.

If you have any questions about Forest School, including any support with the clothing requirements, please contact us. We hope your child enjoys this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Mr Calver, Mrs Parker and Miss Burgess

Head Teacher: Mr Charles Applegate
Deputy Head: Mrs Nicola Ford

