

Middlefield Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 -Forest School

We are pleased to offer all children in Year 4 the opportunity to take part in a 5 session Forest School Programme this Spring term. Sessions will take place within the woodland area of the school site, on a Wednesday morning.

'Forest School is an inspirational process that offers all participants regular opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a local woodland environment.' - Forest School Association

During the Forest School programme, children will take part in activities that encourage physical development and well-being, self-esteem, confidence, emotional intelligence, resilience, creativity and independent learning. Forest School activities will include team building games, tree climbing, shelter building, rope activities and making crafts using natural materials. Some activities may include the use of tools and occasionally fire which will be used for making a warm drink or tasty snack, these activities will be planned based upon the weather/season, capabilities and interests of the children.

So that your child can differentiate between Outdoor Learning sessions and Forest School sessions, we would like them to wear more appropriate clothing for the activities that they will take part in. Please only send your child in clothing that you don't mind them getting dirty, wet or both! This is all part of their Forest School experience, they will need: -

- **Long** sleeved t-shirt (to protect from scratches and stings etc.)
- **Long** trousers (to protect from scratches and stings etc.)
- Trainers/sturdy boots (wellingtons will be at school if needed.)
- Waterproof coat
- Spare pair of socks
- A plastic bag to send dirty/wet clothes home in
- Please send your child to school wearing their FS clothing. Children will also need to bring their school uniform with them which they will change into after the session, thank you

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We thank you for your support during this exciting learning experience for your child at Middlefield Primary Academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr Smith
Year 4 Class Teacher

Miss Jarvis
Forest School Leader

On behalf of Middlefield Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)