

17th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

'Year 1 - Forest School Programme'

After the successful introduction to Forest School last term, we are pleased to offer all children in Years 1 & 2 the opportunity to take part in 6 sessions, this summer term, on a Friday morning.

- Friday 7th June
- Friday 14th June
- Friday 21st June
- Friday 28th June
- Friday 5th July
- Friday 12th July

'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 Forest School children will take part in activities that encourage physical development and well-being, self-esteem, confidence, emotional intelligence, resilience, moral and spiritual development, creativity and independent learning.

Forest School activities will include team building games, rope activities, tree climbing, shelter building and making crafts using natural materials. Some activities may include the use of tools and occasionally fire use, these activities will be planned based upon the capabilities and interests of the children and will be facilitated 1:1.

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 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
- Waterproof coat
- Spare pair of socks
- A plastic bag to send dirty/wet clothes home in

***** Please send your child to school wearing their Forest School clothes.*****

Your child will need to bring their school uniform and school shoes to change back into after the session.

We do need permission for your child to participate in Forest School sessions, therefore, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached form by **Wednesday 5th June 2019**.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kirby
Year 1 Class Teacher

Miss Jarvis
Outdoor Learning Teaching Assistant & Forest School Leader

On behalf of Middlefield Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

Name of Child:

I agree to my child taking part in Forest School sessions.

Yes

No

I agree to my child having photos/videos taken (to be shared on the school website and closed Facebook page) during Forest School sessions.

Yes

No

Has your child ever been stung by a bee?

Yes – please describe reaction.

No

Details.....

Does your child have any allergies? Pollen, lavender, nuts etc?

Yes

No

Details.....

Signed (parent/carer*) *delete as appropriate

We welcome any comments you may have below:-