



Ridgewell C of E VA Primary School

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Forest School

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know about our 'Forest School' sessions for the year.

Forest School uses woods and forest to help build independence and self-esteem. Topics are often cross-curriculum, including many hands on experiences with the natural environment. The forest also gives the children opportunities to develop their teamwork and problem-solving skills. The skills the children learn at Forest School are vital to all children's learning and outdoor learning gives each child a chance to express themselves in a way they might not be able to do within a classroom setting. These sessions will also encourage the children to develop their understanding of the world and changes in seasons over time.

At Ridgewell, we are very lucky to have an outdoors area adjacent to the school that has been developed with wild plants, trees and a log circle. As in previous years, Earth Class will have access to this area every other week, to learn and explore.

Our Forest School day will be on a **Tuesday** and our dates for the academic year 2020/21 will be as follows:

Tuesday 15th September 2020

Tuesday 29th September 2020

Tuesday 13th October 2020

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Tuesday 17th November 2020

Tuesday 1st December 2020

Tuesday 15th December 2020

Tuesday 12th January 2021

Tuesday 26th January 2021

Tuesday 9th February 2021

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Tuesday 9th March 2021

Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Tuesday 13th April 2021

Tuesday 27th April 2021

Tuesday 11th May 2021

Tuesday 25th May 2021

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Tuesday 22nd June 2021

Tuesday 6th July 2021

We will be visiting the forest in **all weathers**, come rain or shine. Please ensure your children come appropriately dressed for our time at Forest School – it is likely we will get muddy and dirty! (Please note that school uniform is not required on these days). As the weather begins to get colder, please make sure your children have sufficient layers to spend the morning outside. We recommend the children come equipped with a waterproof jacket and trousers, and wellies are essential. It would also be helpful to send your child in with a pair of shoes to change into for the rest of the day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to our first session of the year next Tuesday!

Thank you for your cooperation!

Miss Moss