



Dear Parents,

Forest School

Lyneham School is excited to be developing Forest School with the children. The children will have the opportunity to come to Forest School once a fortnight, with class teachers and a Forest School Leader. The sessions will run all year round starting from **September 20th (week 1 on the timetable)**. Initially the sessions will be run on school grounds with walks to local woodland. We are developing the Forest School basecamp in school grounds and will host a volunteer day where staff, parents, grandparents, carers can come down and help with some work on the site and you can see what your children will be doing and where they will be developing their outdoor skills. We hope to develop a relationship with a local woodland near the school to visit with the children - so if you know someone with access to woodland who would be willing to let the children visit occasionally we would be grateful if you could let us know.

Why Forest School?

Studies show that Forest School aids children's social, emotional and physical development as the emphasis is on co-operation; learning to assess risks; learning to look after themselves in an outdoor environment; movement in a natural environment; learning about the natural environment and their place in the world. It has also been found that time spent in a natural environment helps children focus and has a therapeutic, calming effect on children (and adults!). We link our learning in the natural environment Curriculum and school aims - however we find we are always using (for example) mathematics to count sticks; language to describe natural textures and our experiences; science to estimate what we can build or explain a natural phenomenon; history and geography to discover what was here before we came; making music with natural materials.

What does my child need to bring?

For maximum learning benefit, Forest School takes place all year round – therefore it is important that your child is dressed so they can participate comfortably. Please could you make sure your child is wearing a school jumper or cardigan, warm socks, long trousers, bring in wellies and a warm and waterproof coat, (if it is just a thin waterproof they will need a warm fleece underneath) hats and gloves. If you have waterproof trousers please provide these. Please see the class timetable overleaf.

Best wishes

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Vicki Stewart, Director Brightwood Training www.brightwoodtraining.com vickibrightwood@gmail.com 07968165874

Forest School Timetable 2018-19

Thursdays

	Week 1	Week 2
11-11.45	Robin-YrR	Wagtail-YrR
Lunch		
1-1.40	Puffin-Yr3	Falcon-Yr6
1.45-2.25	Swan-Yr3	Eagle-Yr6
2.30-3.10	Buzzard-Yr5	Red Kite-Yr5

Fridays

	Week 1	Week 2
1-1.40	Woodpecker-Yr2	Peacock-Yr1
1.45-2.25	Dove-Yr2	Owl-Yr1
2.30-3.10	Kestrel-Yr4	Hawk-Yr4