



Lyneham
Primary School

20th December 2018

Dear Parents,

Forest School

Lyneham Primary School is very excited to be continuing to develop Forest School with the children who will, once again, have the opportunity to come to Forest School once a fortnight, with class teachers and a Forest School Leader. The sessions will run until the end of Term 3 starting from **Thursday 10th January**. For the time being the sessions will be run on school grounds with walks to local woodland. The Forest School basecamp on school grounds has been developed over the last few weeks and children will be able to see the work that has been completed when they return in January.

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

Bonnie Maslin
Deputy Headteacher, SENCo & DDSL

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

Term 3

Thursday 10 th January	Robin, Puffin, Swan, Buzzard
Friday 11 th January	Woodpecker, Dove, Kestrel
Thursday 17 th January	Wagtail, Falcon, Eagle, Red Kite
Friday 18 th January	Peacock, Owl, Hawk
Thursday 24 th January	Robin, Puffin, Swan, Buzzard
Friday 25 th January	Woodpecker, Dove, Kestrel
Thursday 31 st January	Wagtail, Falcon, Eagle, Red Kite
Friday 1 st February	Peacock, Owl, Hawk
Thursday 7 th February	Robin, Puffin, Swan, Buzzard
Friday 8 th February	Woodpecker, Dove, Kestrel
Thursday 14 th February	Wagtail, Falcon, Eagle, Red Kite
Friday 15 th February	Peacock, Owl, Hawk