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Dear Parent/Carer,

Next week, on Tuesday 15th January, the Tigers will start 5 weeks of 'Forest school' sessions with the Lions class. These will run whatever the weather, except during conditions which pose a risk to the safety of the children (e.g very high winds or thunderstorms). In case of wet weather, please could you provide your child with waterproof clothing and wellies and for very cold weather please could you make sure your child also has extra layers of clothing (including extra pairs of socks, gloves, scarf and hat). If your child wishes to climb trees then they must have trainers. Forest school clothing must be in school for each session (every Tuesday before Feb half term) as your child will be unable to take part without it.

During their forest school sessions, the children will have the opportunity to explore the natural environment through their own self-initiated activities. They will also have the opportunity to learn new skills, such as shelter building, hand tool use, natural crafts and species ID'ing.

The core purposes of forest school are to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social skills in children from age three and upwards and there is a wealth of research to support its benefits in children of all ages. If you would like any more information about forest school, please feel free to come and see me.

Thank you for your continued support,

Charlotte Morpew

