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and Every Gift Unlocked'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the last few years our Year 6 children have taken part in a Forest School course over the summer term. This is something that the children have really enjoyed doing in the past and it forms a vital part of the children's learning outside the classroom.

A couple of years ago we embarked upon setting up our own Forest School on site with fully trained staff and resources funded by the school and the PTA. We are very excited about the learning opportunity that this provides and the positive impact that it has on the children. The six week course is due to start on the week beginning the 15th June. The children will be split into three groups, with each group taking two days to complete the course.

Over the course we will be learning about the outdoor environment and how we can have a positive impact whilst working in it. We will look at how to identify trees and plants and the various uses some of these have. The children will learn how to set a fire safely, keep it burning and use it to cook on. All fires are kept under strict adult supervision! We will also learn how to use a variety of tools correctly and safely as well as how to look after them and maintain them. Tool skills are taught progressively and on a one to one basis. They are used in a designated tool area and always under close adult supervision. We will be learning a variety of knots and using them to help construct shelters and to make woodland craft items such as dream catchers and small weaving projects. As well as all the skills that will be taught, the children will have free time to use the forest school area under supervision.

The children will need to wear clothing that they can get dirty and that is appropriate for the weather conditions on each day. It doesn't have to be waterproof, but bear in mind that we will be going outside even if it is raining. Footwear should be sturdy and suitable for muddy ground.

This is a free course which has been funded by the school and the PTA with other organisations within the wider community providing many of the resources for us to use.



In order for your child to take part in the Forest School sessions we would ask that you complete the medical information and permission on the Forest Schools School Spider survey by Tuesday 7th June.

If you have any questions about the Forest School and the work we will be doing with the children, I will be more than happy to answer any questions people may have.

Dates (children will be informed of their groups beforehand)

Group 1 - 15/6, 16/6

Group 2 – 22/6, 23/6

Group 3 – 11/7, 12/7

Yours sincerely

Mr Green

