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Dear Parents and Carers of 6U,

We are excited to announce the upcoming Forest School sessions on the following dates:

- Thursday, 26th September 2024
- Thursday, 17th October 2024
- Thursday, 24th October 2024 for pupils not attending the Y6 Residential Trip.

Forest School provides an excellent opportunity for children to engage with nature. They will learn to identify various fauna and flora, explore the local ecosystem, participate in bushcraft activities, engage in citizen science projects, care for orchards and trees, and gardening activities. Additionally, they will learn to safely use a variety of tools. Our sessions are tailored to meet each child's needs, with small groups within the Outdoor Learning areas of the school grounds.

Forest School takes place outdoors regardless of the weather, except in cases of high winds, thunderstorms, or ice. As such, children should come to school on the above dates wearing old clothes suitable for the weather to ensure they can fully enjoy and participate and their uniform to change into after the session. Here are some suggestions for appropriate clothing:

- *Clothes that can get dirty.* Suggested layers include: long-sleeved t-shirt, jumper or fleece, old tracksuit bottoms or trousers, old onesie, warm/fluffy socks, hat, gloves, and scarf in cooler weather, or a sunhat in warmer weather.

- *Wellington boots or walking boots.* Please also bring school shoes for wearing inside the school building. Additionally, as some activities may be muddy and/or wet, please pack a change of socks/tights.

- *A coat*, preferably waterproof, as the weather can change quickly.

- *A water bottle* to stay hydrated, whatever the weather.

Please note: We now have a selection of different sizes of wellington boots, waterproof jackets, and waterproof trousers for children to borrow for Forest School. However, if your child has their own, please ensure they bring them to wear.

We look forward to discovering more about the orchard and trees in our Tiny Forest, wildlife, birds, and habitats, and learning new skills during our Forest School sessions.

Kind regards,
Karen Dunstan
Forest School Leader