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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that Reception will be taking their learning outdoors for a weekly 'Forest School' session. This year we are proud to be working in partnership with Jason Hardwick from Elements Forest School. At some point throughout the year, each class in EYFS will have the opportunity to specifically work alongside Jason during their weekly nominated Forest School session for a period of time.

Accordingly, children will attend Forest School on the following days:-

**CLASS RA** sessions will run every **WEDNESDAY** commencing on **21.09.2022**.

**CLASS RB** sessions will run every **TUESDAY** commencing on **27.09.2022**.

**CLASS RC** sessions will run every **THURSDAY** commencing on **22.09.2022**.

Please note that the day of your child's session is subject to change, as timetables rotate to allow all classes to work alongside Jason across the year. Even though your child's class may not be working with Jason that particular week, they will still participate in a weekly Forest School session with their class teachers. Class teachers will keep parents/carers updated with regard to any changes to your child's Forest School Day via Class Dojo.

These sessions will take part in ALL weathers therefore, suitable clothing is essential for everyone participating. This may include:

- Long sleeved top
- Full-length trousers
- Wellies or walking boots (These will stay in school for the academic year)
- Extra pair of socks
- Coat
- During the colder months, extra layers should be worn such as a fleece, leggings, hats, gloves etc.
- During the summer, a sunhat and sunscreen should be applied. Long sleeves and full-length trousers are required to protect arms and legs.
- A named bag to carry their clothing.

Children are required to wear their uniforms to school and bring their outdoor learning clothes to change into for their session. All clothing including coats and footwear must be clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Due to the nature of these sessions, clothing will get wet and muddy. Therefore, it is important that you provide old clothes that you do not mind getting dirty.



We highly recommend that your child also wears waterproof clothing such as overalls or separate waterproof coat and trousers. As a school, we have a class set of waterproof coats and trousers for every child within the class to wear and use for their session. Alternatively, you can provide your own waterproofs but this is not compulsory.

You can find out more about Forest School at Yew Tree here:

<https://www.yewtreeprimary.co.uk/forest-school-1/>

Regards,  
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Forest School Lead