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Dear Parents,

Forest School and outdoor learning offer our children regular opportunities to appreciate and enjoy the natural environment. We aim to nurture an understanding and respect for natural places. The Forest School experience brings learning to life and improves a child's ability to work co-operatively whilst offering them opportunities to take risks, make choices and initiate learning. It is proven to improve children's confidence, self-esteem, and communication skills, as well as giving them an opportunity to have lots of fun! The children also develop skills in teamwork, using tools safely and learning about looking after our environment.

Some of the activities we do...

- Campfires
- Den building
- Storytelling
- Natural art activities
- Learn how to use tools safely
- Exploring, nature watching and bug hunting
- Practical woodland skills – management of area
- Time to be quiet, reflect or talk – circle time
- Outdoor learning – taking the curriculum outside

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

In order to develop our outdoor learning and Forest Schools programme for our pupils, we are looking for donations and we have a list of resources that would enhance the children's learning further. Do you work for a company who could possibly offer some items from the list below? Are you talented enough to be able to build a mud kitchen/puppet story telling stage? Do you have any old but still usable equipment you could donate?

What we need...

- A mud kitchen
- Puppet story telling stage
- Big branches/sticks for den building
- Old pots and pans/utensils
- 3 x Tarpaulins
- Fire wok or Kelly Kettle
- Tools: secateurs, protective gloves for children x 5, toolbox, bow saw, junior hacksaw x 5, hand-drill and bits x 5, potato peelers x 5
- Rope and twine
- Binoculars x 5
- Magnifiers x 10

'Sharing, Caring, Learning and Loving with God'

We would really appreciate any donations, please ask if you think you have any other resources to offer!

Kind regards

Mrs Archer
Pastoral and Forest School Lead