

Cheapside Forest School



Dear Parents,

We are delighted to inform you that our woodland area has now been cleared, tidied up and made safe. A base camp area has been set up and we are ready to offer outdoor forest education.

We will be commencing Forest School sessions this week, and as time goes on, we will be posting more information about Forest Schooling and what it will look like at Cheapside on the website and we will also be producing an information brochure for Parents.

The children will need the following items for their forest school sessions:

- **A pair of warm tracksuit bottoms (these could be the school PE tracksuit bottoms)**
- **A warm long-sleeved top (again this could be the school PE jumper)**
- **A waterproof coat**
- **A pair of wellington boots**

As a school, we will be providing waterproof trousers for all the children using the forest but it is essential that the children have the correct clothing and footwear or they will not be able to participate. Forest School sessions will go ahead in all weathers (including rain!) and we will only call off a session due to high winds or storms!

The current timetable for Forest Schools for this first half term is as follows:

- **Wednesday am – Year 3 Nightingale Class**
- **Wednesday pm – Year 2 Doves Class**
- **Thursday am – EYFS Wrens Class**
- **Thursday pm – Year 1 Robins Class**
- **Friday pm – EYFS Wrens Class**

Please ensure your child has the correct clothing in school ready for these sessions. Our other KS2 classes will be having forest school sessions, but they will be rotated in on a half termly basis. Our Year 4 class will therefore be having forest school sessions between half term and Christmas and our Year 5 and 6 classes will be having sessions in the spring term.

We are very excited about this project and what it can offer our children BUT we need your help!!

We would very much like to set up a mud kitchen in the woodland and we are looking for some donations of the following items:

- Pots, pans, cake tins and large containers or bowls for mixing
- Kitchen utensils – spoons, sieves etc.
- Small watering cans (suitable for use by our younger children)
- Children's wheelbarrows
- Crates (milk crates are ideal)
- Strong rope (in good condition please)
- Tarpaulins for shelter building

If you unable to help us out but have any idea of where we might be able to source these items, then please let us know. We would like to try and get all donations as soon as possible.

If you are interested in assisting us with our forest school sessions, then please come and talk to us. We would really welcome parent volunteers and would be very keen for you to get involved. All you would need is a current DBS check, lots of enthusiasm and some waterproof clothing!!

Please could all donations be taken to Wrens Class and if you would like to come and have a chat with us about Forest School and helping out then please come and find us.

With thanks Mrs Summers and Mrs Aplin