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Dear Parents/Carers

RE Forest School Tree Planting

I am really excited to inform you that we will be taking delivery of 120 tree saplings next week. The saplings are going to be planted around the perimeter of the forest school site and will act as a natural screening for the site. We are expecting a range of saplings but they will include dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple and elder. We are hoping the saplings will also help to encourage a greater variety of mammals including hedgehog, dormice, insects and birds.

I would like to extend my thanks to those parents who have already signed up to help with the site preparation on **Sunday 4th November 11-1pm**. I would still welcome your help and support if you find yourself free on Sunday! A big thank you to all those parents who have contributed to the forest school snack bank, my supplies have been building up! I would still welcome donations, especially of string, gluten free biscuits and vegetarian marshmallows should you still wish to contribute.

Once the saplings have been delivered, my aim is to invite every child in school to plant a sapling with a buddy. Attached to this letter is a small label template. I would like to invite your child to add their name, age and a small message or drawing to the label. Please cut out and return the label to school where it will be laminated and attached to the sapling your child plants. Your child can then track the growth of the sapling they planted. In return I am asking for a voluntary donation of £1.00 to support the ongoing costs of forest school and the new saplings.

Please could all labels and any donations be given to the class teacher by **Friday 2nd November 2018** so that we have time to laminate and prepare the labels.

Once the saplings have arrived and planting is underway I will update the website with lots of photos of the planting and hopefully your child will enjoy telling you all about the planting experience!

Thank you again for your ongoing support

Mrs C Summers
KS1 Co-ordinator/Forest School Lead



Please cut out along the black line and return to school ASAP. One side needs to include your name and age and the other a small picture or message.