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We are very excited to be starting Forest School at Fynamore Primary School. We have a great school field which is the ideal location for us to go out and explore, have fun and learn.

Forest School is an inspirational concept providing learning opportunities through practical activities in an outdoor environment. Children enjoy the freedom to explore and experience the natural world in all seasons and in all weathers. Forest School embraces an approach of nurturing, supporting and developing the self-esteem of participants. It is an ideal environment in which to develop innovation, problem solving, risk taking, creativity and teamwork. We will learn how manage and look after our environment as it develops over time. Children will learn to push their physical skills, manage their own risks and establish a responsibility for their own actions.

Forest School sessions are led by an Advanced Forest School Leader. Staffing ratios will be adhered to and any pupils who require support will have this during Forest School. Forest School sessions are inclusive and planned to allow all pupils to participate fully.

Clothing:

To allow the pupils to participate fully, the correct clothing is essential for Forest School. We will sometimes get muddy, so old clothing is ideal.

All participants need to bring:

- Wellingtons or walking boots/trainers.
- Long trousers and long sleeved top.
- Jumper or sweatshirt.
- Thick socks.
- Hat and gloves – yes even in April.
- Waterproof coat and if possible waterproof trousers.
- Sun hat and sun-cream (if not applied at home).

Clothes need to be placed in a named plastic bag. The activities are part of the National PE Curriculum; however, we are unable to allow children to take part without basic kit.

The safety and welfare of the pupils participating in Forest School is paramount and therefore all tasks are age-appropriate and risk assessments have been carried out for all activities prior to taking place, including the use of sharp tools under strict guidance.

Please ensure your child's medical information held at School is up to date, with consideration to any outdoor allergies or insect stings.

If you have any questions please contact the School Office.

