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Executive Headteacher – Mrs P Atwal

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of a wider curriculum opportunity, we would like your child to take part in 'Forest Schools'.

Forest Schools is an innovative educational approach to outdoor learning. The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive experiences and participation in a range of tasks and activities, set in a woodland environment.

Forest Schools;

- Increases self-esteem and self-confidence,
- Improves co-operation, communication skills, and awareness of others,
- Increases motivation, self-discovery, and positive attitude toward learning,
- Encourages ownership and pride in the local environment,
- Encourages a better understanding of the outdoors
- Increases the skills and knowledge of the individuals that take part

It enables children to learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks, and to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate effectively with others.

The programme will take place for Class 3 pupils from Richardson Endowed Primary School at Horsley Woodhouse Primary School on the following afternoon dates:

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Wednesday 5th March 2025

Wednesday 12th March 2025

The children will be working in the school woodland in all weathers (except for high winds). Waterproof coats will be needed and if your child has them waterproof trousers are beneficial. We would be grateful if you could ensure your child **brings a change of suitable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty to change into**. Also, a pair of Wellington boots, for each session, is a must. Your child will need to bring a change of shoes to change into after the session.

Also, please consider:

Cold Weather	Hot Sunny Weather
Warm hat	Sun hat
Old gloves	Long light trousers (not shorts)
Layers	
Extra socks	
Scarf	

The children will be having lunch at school at 12.00pm and then walking down to Horsley Woodhouse Primary School with staff. They will start the sessions at 1.00pm and return to school by 3.30pm at the latest. In the case of poor weather, sessions may need to be postponed but we envisage that with the correct outer weather wear, it will be safe and comfortable for all.

Please complete the Permission form below by Monday 24th February 2025
[Forest School Permissions](#)

If you have any queries or require further information about 'Forest Schools', please do not hesitate to pop in to the school and speak to Mrs. Atwal.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. P Atwal