



Lydgate Junior School

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Y4 Forest Schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

As many of you know, we are lucky enough to have a fantastic woodland space in our school for outdoor learning. We would like our Y4 children to have access to this regularly over the course of the year. We have planned an adventurous programme for them including: learning the rules of the woodland; team-building and problem solving; making dens; various art and craft activities; as well as drama and games.

Each class will do at least 3 sessions per half term – your class teacher will let you know when. The sessions are likely to be on different days each time so that we can work around the curriculum and ensure we have extra adults available. Class teachers will remind children the day before it happens.

Your child will need appropriate outdoor clothing. Waterproofs, hats and gloves in cold weather, suncream and hats in hot weather. It's worth bearing in mind that the woods can be muddy so old shoes/trainers or wellies are a must. We do go out 'whatever the weather' so please make sure they are equipped! They will also need a mug for hot chocolate. This can be left in school. No need for names – just make sure your child can recognise their mug.

Our programme for the year will be kick-started by Foresteer Rohan Wilson. He has run many successful forest schools sessions at our school over the last few years and we are delighted to welcome him back to meet our Y4 children. Find out more about Foresteers here.

<http://www.foresteers.co.uk/>

Each class will have a half day session with Rohan, funded by the school.

Thursday 7th November AM Y4JP
PM Y4CW

Friday 8th November AM Y4RD
PM Y4SS

Please make sure your child comes dressed appropriately, with outdoor shoes, a coat and a mug on their day. They don't need to wear uniform: just come dressed ready for action!

We are very excited about starting Forest Schools in Year 4. It really is a great way for the children to learn about the world around them.

Thank you.

The Year 4 Team



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