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## **Lions and Tigers**

### **Forest Schools Programme**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the children's thoroughly enjoyable taster session in the forest two weeks ago, I am very excited to let you know that we will soon be starting our Forest Schools programme at our own site which is just a short walk through the field behind our school!

Forest Schools is a programme that encourages children to develop life skills through outdoor learning and gives them the freedom to enjoy the outdoors by doing things they otherwise may not have had the chance to do. The philosophy of this type of learning fits beautifully into the Early Years curriculum and I know the children are looking forward to getting outside and getting dirty!

To get the best out of the sessions we will be taking one class per fortnight on a Thursday afternoon. We will leave school at 1.15pm and be back by 3pm. Although we plan to go in all weathers, if there is torrential rain or high winds we may have to think again and take them on another day. On the day that your child visits the forest they will need to be collected from the main KS1 playground at home time.

#### **Programme –**

Please see the attached timetable for the Autumn Term which indicates when your child will be taking part in these sessions. Please note that they will not always happen due to other school commitments so it is advisable to make a note of each session in your diary! We will of course let you know if the arrangements do change. Timetables for the Spring and Summer Term will be released at a later date.



#### **Clothing –**

As we will be really exploring the woodland we would ask your children to wear old clothes for their sessions. These can be worn all day, even though we won't be leaving school until the afternoon. If they already have wellies at school we will wear these, however, they will need a waterproof coat and ideally trousers as well. We have a small number of waterproof all in ones for those that do not have their own waterproof clothing. It is important that, irrelevant of the weather, children must have their arms and legs fully covered. **Please make sure every item of outdoor clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name.**



## Supervision –

There will be a teacher and 2 TA's running the session but we also require at least 2 parent volunteers to enable these sessions to happen. If you are able to be involved



and would like to be part of the programme please fill in the attached form. It would be fantastic to have **too** many parents offering to help, as this may enable your child to go up weekly during the Spring and Summer Terms. Ideally we would appreciate a list of parents so that we don't have to ask the same person to commit to all. We will put a timetable of help on the notice board w/c 16th October. **Therefore, if you are able to help please return the attached slip to the School Office by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.**

All parents volunteering will require DBS checks.

As you all completed the Bransgore School 'General Consent Form' recently giving permission for your child to leave school grounds with suitably qualified staff for local visits, walks and field study on foot you do not need to complete a consent form for Forest School visits.

Please inform the school office if there is any change to your child's medical form.

I hope that you feel that this is an exciting opportunity for your child, however if you have any queries at all please don't hesitate to come and discuss them with me.

Aidan Richards  
Foundation Stage Leader

## Forest School Programme Autumn Term 2017/18

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16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec



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### Forest Schools Programme

Child's Name .....

Parent's Name .....

**YES / NO** – DBS cleared with Bransgore Primary School

If you are not already DBS cleared and would like to become a Parent Volunteer please provide your email address.

Email Address .....

I am able to be a volunteer on the programme on the following dates (please circle those sessions with which you can help):

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