

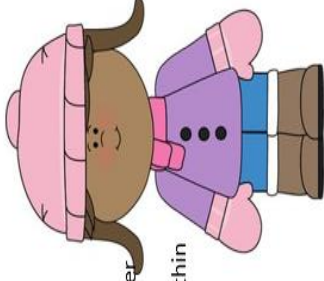


River View Forest School

Your child will need the following:

In the Winter/colder weather

- Vest or T-shirt
- Long sleeved top
- Hooded top/ fleece or thick jumper
- A water proof coat
- Thick socks Thermal or 2 pairs of thin ones
- Waterproof trousers
- Wellington boots
- Hat, gloves and scarf



In warmer weather /summer

- Long sleeved T-shirt or top. Arms must be covered in the woodland.
- Light trousers. No shorts, legs must be covered in the woodland.
- Socks
- Trainers, shoes or wellingtons boots. **NO** sandals or flip-flops
- Sunhat
- Sunglasses if required

Participants are also responsible for providing their own insect repellent and sunscreen.



River View Forest Schools Information

When?

As of September 2018, we have had qualified forest school leaders and teach children across the school throughout the year.

Children will need to come to school on their forest school clothes. They will need their wellies if they haven't got any in school already.

What is Forest Schools?

Forest schools has key principles which state children benefit greatly from learning outdoors. Children will learn through first hand outdoor experiences and have the opportunities to take responsible risks to develop their learning.

We aim to encourage the children to become more independent, resilient and co-operative learners (which all links into our school's RICHER values).

A need for structured play based activities will benefit the learning of children, (National Trust, 2012).

Forest schools will be taught on site (at the back of the building). Several trees and wild plants have been planted and an area is currently being developed.

What will they be doing?

Children will be introduced to imaginative activities and games. They will also be given opportunities to build dens and begin to use tools to craft objects. Children will have qualified adults (forest school level 3 and first aid qualified) and also their classroom staff to support them in a safe learning environment.

Forest school's sessions will run throughout the year (in all weather conditions, the only exception is high winds). Children should bring clothes appropriate for the weather conditions.

Resources

Throughout the year the children will make and use a lot of resources. If you have any of the following items or find these items in the natural environment, feel free to bring them in;

- Sticks/twigs
- Plant pots
- Leaves
- Branches/tree wood
- Tree stumps
- Bark
- Shells
- Stones
- Conkers/pine cones etc
- Any plants, seeds or bulbs you no longer want or need

Any help/offerings would be greatly received.

Contact Us

If you would like any more information on forest schools, please contact Miss Martin.

Look out for forest schools pictures on the website soon!