

Dear Parents/Carers

5 October 2021

**RE: Forest Schools Outdoor Learning**

To further enhance our curriculum, we are going to start delivering Forest Schools Outdoor Learning sessions to all the Early Years children.

Forest Schools is a fun, exciting way to learn in an outdoor setting such as a woodland. We are lucky here at Brooke to have our own garden and woodland area to deliver these sessions in. It is proven to improve children's confidence, self-esteem and communication skills, as well as giving them an opportunity to have lots of fun! The children also develop skills in team work, using equipment safely and learning about looking after our woodlands.

The sessions will include den building, building bug hotels and many more exciting and wonderful things.

For the sessions we are asking that children come to school for the day in old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. The sessions will happen each week in all weathers (unless it is very windy or icy), so please make sure your child has suitable clothes for the weather. They will need warm clothes during the colder months and strong, appropriate shoes to keep their feet warm.

The session days are:

F2NBI and F2BKN:

- Tuesday afternoon

F1SWH:

- Children attending sessions Monday 8.45 – 3.15, Tuesday 8.45 – 3.15 and Wednesday 8.45 – 11.45 will have their forest school session on a Tuesday morning.
- Children attending Monday – Friday 8.45 to 11.45 will have their forest school session on a Tuesday morning.
- Children attending sessions Wednesday 12.15 – 3.15 Thursday 8.45 – 3.15 and Friday 8.45 – 3.15 and will have their forest school session on a Wednesday afternoon.
- Children attending sessions Monday – Friday 12.15 to 3.15 will have their forest school session on a Wednesday afternoon.
- Children who attend Monday – Friday full time will have their forest school session on a Wednesday afternoon.

These sessions will start the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October. I'm sure you will agree that the children will gain so much from these sessions and have lots of fun.

Kind regards,  
The EYFS Team