

Dear Parents and Carers,

A little late, but I wanted to share with you the fabulous start we have had to Forest School in term five. All the children have taken part and Fridays are really something to be looked forward to. In term 6 we will continue to take your child up to the wild area each fortnight for more memorable experiences, immersed in wild-life, learning woodcraft-skills, feeling part of a group, relaxing and talking in a magic spot.

Forest School Log so far...

Building a fire circle,



- rolling logs – working on physical strength, balance and problem solving.
- working together to make a fire circle – apprenticeship skills.
- Talking about sitting

a safe distance from the fire – PSED managing our own risks and feeling safe.

Bug Hunt

- Building a connection and interest in nature
- Using language to describe experiences and the natural world
- Touching, looking, smelling, risking on purpose
- Discussing habitats



Inclusion

- Using your voice to take a group photo.
- Belonging together as a group – pulling a “slug face.”



Maths

Collecting three different sizes of wood,



- Small, medium and large collections of wood for the fire.
- Children sorting the different sized sticks
- Physics conversations around why you need to start a fire with small thin bits of twig.

Learning fire safety rules.



- What is inside the fire circle and what is outside?
- Walk around the outside of the fire circle.

- Graduated materiality of fuel – small, medium, big
- Triangle for pit – shape of fire.

Fire Song

“Fire fire, fire fire

Smoke smoke, smoke smoke

Go away, go away

Fire burning fire burning !”



Forest School Maths Challenge

- Make a bundle of three.
- Search for three things to tie together and learn to make a knot.

Forest School dates



Each child will receive fortnightly forest school sessions. The dates for your child are as follows:

20th May – Green and Orange
27th May – Red and Blue
10th June – Green and Orange
17th June – Red and Blue

24th June – Green and Orange
1st July – Red and Blue
8th July – Green and Orange
15th July – Red and Blue

Don't Forget – Your child will be going on a trip to the



library on Tuesday 7th or Wednesday 8th this coming week. You have received a letter indicating which session your child will be going, but please check with us on Monday if you are unsure. In our risk assessment (available on request) we allocate one adult to two children and have a planned a safe route through town. Thank you to all of you

who have volunteered, but we are a couple of adults short. So, if you are free and can help, please let Lexy know on Monday morning/ afternoon. In the event that we do not have enough adults for one of the sessions, we will have to reduce the number of children accordingly. If this happens, we will arrange another trip for those who do not get to go this week. We shall need our volunteers from the start of the session, and we will be arriving back at school within normal session time.



House Keeping

Safety

Please be aware that, as the weather improves, it becomes more likely that the front door may be left open as people leave the building. Please make sure to keep your children with you, as you walk through the building, so they are not able to run ahead and exit onto Albion Street unaccompanied.

Allergy reminder

Please continue to make sure that no food stuffs or packaging come into school which contain or have been contaminated by nuts, peanuts or pure egg (eg. Egg boxes or boiled egg / egg sandwiches)

Sun cream

Now we are looking forward to more sunny days, please apply sun cream to your child's face, neck, arms and legs on sunny days and make sure that shoulders are covered, and any sandals are sturdy and protect toes. Jelly shoes are fine, but avoid flip-flops!

Children who stay all day

For our 30-hour children, please give nursery school a named bottle of sun cream which can be kept in the garden room and re-applied to your child at lunch time. We will ask you to sign a permission slip giving us your agreement that we may apply sun cream to your child.

Named hats

Don't forget to write your child's name on hats!!!

Voluntary contribution £10

Thank you for your voluntary contributions so far. We will be continuing to collect your £10 termly voluntary contribution next week, which helps us keep the nursery school supplied with playdough, ingredients for cooking, forest school treats and woodwork resources.

We look forward to seeing you back at school for term 6.

The ACE Centre Nursery School Team