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Forest School at Sculthorpe Moor

Dear Parents

From January, we hope, all children will have the opportunity to attend Forest School at Sculthorpe Moor for 4 sessions. Little Owl sessions will be spread across the year so they can experience the different seasons, all other year groups will have their sessions consecutively.



Please see the attached letter from the Moor that explains all about Forest School, how it is run and what clothes need to be worn. Children will need to bring appropriate clothes to change into before they leave. There is also permission that parents will need to fill in to allow your child to attend the sessions. We ask that all parents, no matter what year group, return the form by Friday 17th December. Any child that hasn't returned the form will, sadly, not be able to attend. There is no need to fill in a school permission form as this will be included in our 'Local Trips' permission that is sent out yearly, digitally.

Within the letter it informs you about the staffing that the school provides but please rest assured that there will be staff attending each session as well, I have organised for each session to be attended by the class teacher, apart from Little Owls where all staff will attend. The children that are left at school will have the support of the other class adults to complete work set for them by the teacher.

Each session will be held on a Thursday and the children will be met at school at 1pm by the Forest School staff and walk, with their teacher, to the moor and attend their Forest School sessions.

We ask for you to pick your child up at 3pm from the Moor to allow you time to pick any siblings up at normal school time as well as allowing you to return to school to pick up your child's school clothes.

There is no charge being made for these sessions as the school has budgeted to allow children to experience outdoor learning, due to the missed opportunities caused by COVID.

Please see timetable as to when your child will be having their sessions, these sessions will also be on the date sheets that go out each half term.

We hope that the children have wonderful experiences while taking part in Forest School.

Thank you Sarah Potter (Head of School)



"The best classroom and the richest cupboard are roofed only by the sky"

- Margaret McMillan, a pioneer for learning outdoors

Sculthorpe Moor Forest School

Dear Parent/ Carer

Next calendar year, your child will have the exciting opportunity to take part in Forest School at Sculthorpe Moor Nature Reserve. Below is some information about Forest School, what your children may get up to and how you can support them whilst they are there.

What is Forest School?

Forest School is an inspirational process, that offers learners regular opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem through hands on learning experiences in a local woodland or natural area. This long term, child-initiated approach sits within and complements the wider context of outdoor and woodland learning.

Where did Forest School come from?

Forest School came from Scandanavia/northern Germany where it has been in place for decades. An early years team from Bridgewater College in Somerset visited Denmark in 1993, were inspired, and developed what we know as Forest School today, being increasingly recognised as having solid, strong roots, especially in the earlier years of our lives.

What are the benefits of Forest School?

The learning approach in Forest School supports every aspect of a child's development.

- Increases self-esteem, confidence and independence.
- Encourages physical fitness and stamina.
- Being active in nature is proven to promote mental health.
- Supports an individual's problem-solving skills and risk awareness
- Builds positive relationships, cooperation and empathy.

What will the children be getting up to?

- Exploring the woodland area and investigating the flora and fauna.
- Safely using tools like loppers, saws and knives* (older years).
- Art and craft activities using natural materials.
- Learning new games and songs
- Tree climbing
- Den building
- Campfire cooking



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Parent/ Carer Consent Form

Child's name:

Child's Date of Birth:

Parent/Carer (full name please):

Home Address:

Contact Phone Numbers

Home:

Mobile:

Child's Surgery Address and Phone Number:

Does your child suffer from any allergies or other medical conditions? Yes

No

If the answer to the above is YES, please can you give details, including any medication. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Please tick or cross as appropriate:

- I understand that any medication will be administered by staff trained and authorised to do so. In the event of an accident, I agree first aid may be administered to my child by a qualified first aider on site.
- As a parent/carer of the above named child, I agree that photographs/ film may be taken of my child for Hawk and Owl Trust usage.
- As a parent/ carer of the above named child, I understand the information provided regarding his/her participation in Forest School and I give my consent.

Signed:

Date:

Sculthorpe Primary Forest School at Hawk and Owl Trust

2022 Timetable

Thursday	Year Group	Teacher
13 th January	Reception and Y1	Mrs Potter, Mrs Bond, Mrs Crook
20 th January	Year 6	Mr Parker
27 th January		
3 rd February		
10 th February		
Half Term		
24 th February	Year 5	Mr Parker
3 rd March		
10 th March		
17 th March		
24 th March	Year 4	Mr Parker
31 st March		
Easter		
21 st April	Reception and Y1 - Spring	Mrs Potter, Mrs Bond, Mrs Crooke
28 th April	Year 4	Mr Parker
12 th May		
19 th May	Year 3	Mrs Lucking
26 th May		
Half Term		
9 th June	Year 3	Mrs Lucking
16 th June		
23 rd June	Year 2	Mrs Lucking
30 th June		
7 th July		
14 th July		
21 st July	Reception and Y1 – Summer	Mrs Potter, Mrs Bond, Mrs Crook
Summer		