



## Kindling Spirits Forest School

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Year 3 parents and carers,

Following the success of Kindling Spirits Forest School, I am now writing in preparation for a third session, for our new children. It is my intention to run this session after school on a Monday, between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm.

For those of you unfamiliar with this concept, providing forest school sessions at Kindling Spirits means that within the bounds of strict safety routines we use the school's woodland area to encourage and develop not only child led learning but child-initiated learning and other new approaches to learning in a low risk environment. Children can explore using all their senses and preferred learning styles, at their preferred pace. In the forest school sessions, the children will be given the opportunity to learn: -

- To use their woodland environment to help learning generally whether linked to the curriculum or otherwise.
- To learn about caring for and understanding their woodland environment
- To use some hand tools such as bow saws, bill hooks, palm drills, peelers and pen knives
- To learn about camp and shelter building
- To learn about campfires and their uses and how to safely make and maintain a camp-fire
- To use their woodland environment for creative play
- To improve their communication skills

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the form below and return in a sealed envelope marked YEAR 3 FOREST SCHOOL to your class teacher. I will contact you to send out the necessary documents. The cost is £12.00 per session and this is payable, half termly in advance. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and a waiting list will be organised for those that do not receive a place.

Whilst writing, I am currently looking for another volunteer who would like to get involved with the assisting of this session. Duties include, making fires, assisting with making a snack for the children and of course, having plenty of fun outdoors. This could be an excellent opportunity to start a journey with Forest School or simply a good chance to spend time outdoors, with some of the children of Denmead Junior School. If you have a child in the school who would like to attend and you are able to assist, then the session will be offered free of charge. If you would like to be considered for this role, please add this to your reply slip.

Yours sincerely  
Zoe Halford

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### FOREST SCHOOL - YEAR 3 PLACE REQUEST

Child's Name:

Class:

Parent's Name:

Email:

Contact Number:

I would like to assist with the Monday Forest School session