



Anton County Infant School

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Dear parents / carers,

We are very excited to be able to introduce Forest Schools into our curriculum for all year groups from September 2022. Each half term a different year group will be taking part in forest school as per timetable below:

	Autumn 1 Year 2	Autumn 2 Year 1	Spring 1 Year R	Spring 2 Year 2	Summer 1 Year 1	Summer 2 Year R
Session 1 9.30am – 10.30am	Squirrels Grp 1	Bumblebees Grp 1	Ducklings Grp 1	Hedgehogs Grp 1	Ladybirds Grp 1	Cygnets Grp 1
Session 2 10.30am – 11.30am	Squirrels Grp 2	Bumblebees Grp 2	Ducklings Grp 2	Hedgehogs Grp 2	Ladybirds Grp 2	Cygnets Grp 2
Intervention Grp 11.30am – 12pm	Year R and 1 intervention grp	Year R and 2 intervention grp	Year 1 and 2 intervention grp	Year R and 1 intervention grp	Year R and 2 intervention grp	Year 1 and 2 intervention grp
Session 3 1pm – 2pm	Hedgehogs Grp 1	Ladybirds Grp 1	Cygnets Grp 1	Squirrels Grp 1	Bumblebees Grp 1	Ducklings Grp 1
Session 4 2pm – 3pm	Hedgehogs Grp 2	Ladybirds Grp 2	Cygnets Grp 2	Squirrels Grp 2	Bumblebees Grp 2	Ducklings Grp 2
After school club tbc						

Forest school will be on Wednesdays each week. Your child will need to come into school dressed in their forest school clothing. We would also advise that a spare set of clothing is sent into school for them to keep on their pegs so that they can change if they get too wet or dirty.

Children will need to wear:

- Green or white top (long sleeve in winter, short in summer)
- Dark long bottoms (jogging bottoms or leggings)
- Suitable footwear (trainers, welly boots if wet)

Weather dependent clothing as follows:

- Waterproof coat
- Warm top in winter
- Waterproof trousers (not essential)
- Hat (sun hat when hot, woolly hat when cold)
- Gloves when cold

Forest school has a clear ethos and is set over a session of 1 hour long and for 15 children max. Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process that offers opportunities for



Holistic growth through regular sessions. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking.

6 Principles for good Forest School Practice:

- **Principle 1:** Forest School is a long-term process of frequent and regular sessions in a woodland or natural environment, rather than a one-off visit. Planning, adaptation, observations and reviewing are integral elements of Forest School.
- **Principle 2:** Forest School takes place in a woodland or natural wooded environment to support the development of a relationship between the learner and the natural world.
- **Principle 3:** Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all those involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners
- **Principle 4:** Forest School offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves.
- **Principle 5:** Forest School is run by qualified Forest School practitioners who continuously maintain and develop their professional practice.
- **Principle 6:** Forest School uses a range of learner-centred processes to create a community for development and learning

We will also be looking to run Forest school club after school on Wednesdays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. More details to follow in September.

We are in the process of creating our forest school area. We will be looking for donations of resources in the Autumn term, more information to follow once we have established a list of what we need.



If you have any questions about forest school please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your sincerely

Mrs K J Bird
Headteacher