

28th March 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

RE: Forest School update

Singlewell was overwhelmed with the funds collected by our parents following our Walk-a-thon FUNdraiser earlier in the academic year. This has allowed us to plan for and prepare a suitable area on our school site and purchase the necessary tools and equipment. I am now delighted to be able to offer Forest School sessions to children across the school, with myself (Miss Franklin). I am qualified as a Level 3 Forest School Leader. The first sessions will be with our responsible Year 6 children, starting with Y6 Shark class in Term 5 (see dates below) and Y6 Whales class in Term 6 (dates to be confirmed).

Forest School can be enriching by interacting with nature, your child will be closely supervised whilst exposed to adventure and skill building such as using sharp tools safely for a purpose and in time: safely lighting and maintaining a controlled fire. Activities will include problem solving eg: den building, rope trails, stick tepees and woodland craft which will enable them to learn about themselves, their peers and the wider world.

It is essential that the children display sensible behaviour and obedience in order to participate safely. Any child who does not follow all of the safety instructions will not be able to participate in future Forest School lessons.

At Singlewell, we are passionate about the opportunities that Forest School provides your children to develop their social, emotional and mental wellbeing and support their confidence, which will enhance their class based learning. I will be running two groups with Year 6 Sharks on the following dates:

Thursday 20th April
Thursday 27th April
Thursday 4th May
Thursday 11th May
Thursday 18th May
Thursday 25th May

Please see the recommended kit list sent as a separate notification on the app, the children will need to bring suitable attire for the weather.

I look forward to an adventurous term ahead at Forest School.

Kind regards,
Miss Franklin