

Littletown Primary Academy

Monday 29th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Outdoor Classroom

We are going to begin to use the wildlife area next to the nursery, as well as other outdoor areas within our school grounds, for one session a week, as an outdoor classroom. During this session we will apply aspects of the 'forest schools approach' to provide the children with an alternative environment for their learning. 'Forest Schools' was an idea originally developed in Denmark as one approach to Early Years education. It was recognised as having a positive impact on self-esteem, confidence and the ability to work in groups. Sessions in the wildlife area will be planned alongside the Foundation Curriculum and will be included in our planning. We will be building on the children's prior experience gained in the nursery outdoor sessions.

The Reception children will be going out **every Friday** beginning this Friday 5th November.

Children should not wear school uniform on a Friday but instead please ensure they are appropriately dressed for being outdoors i.e. jeans or tracksuit bottoms (not best clothes - they will get muddy). They will need to wear shoes/trainers to school and will change into their wellies when outside.

Please could you provide the following items in a **named** bag and place on your child's peg (please name the bag - even if it is just a carrier bag).

- Wellington boots are essential!
- Clothes appropriate for weather - hats, gloves, warm waterproof coat etc.



We will be working outside in small groups in all weathers, except in extreme weather conditions!

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Croft, Mrs Katene & Mrs Hawkins

