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A Learning Ladder for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 1 'FOREST FUN' SESSIONS

We are very pleased to inform you that Year 1 will be taking part in 'Forest Fun' sessions at South Borough this year. This will provide children with an opportunity to learn and explore within a woodland environment across the seasons. The forest site is based within the school grounds and 'Forest Fun' sessions will be taking place on Friday afternoons.

1B will be having sessions on **Friday 15th, 22nd and 29th September.**

1A will be having sessions on **Friday 6th, 13th and 20th October.**

Sessions will be a child-led, play-based learning experience, which aim to raise self-awareness and self-esteem by equipping children with the skills to become more confident in their own abilities: in the classroom, outdoors and beyond. Children will have the opportunity to take manageable risks by undertaking small, achievable tasks. They will be encouraged to make choices and follow their own learning. It will help provide children with the time and space necessary to develop the skills to become resilient, independent and inquisitive learners. Hands-on learning experiences will include den building, exploring the mud kitchen, tree and leaf recognition, using tools, natural arts and crafts and bug hunting. Our core aim is to engage children in the natural environment around them and to have fun!

'Forest Fun' will be an all year round and all weather activity, so it is vital that children are suitably clothed for all weathers.

What to wear in the forest:

- Long trousers (legs must be covered)
- Long sleeves (arms must be covered)
- Waterproof trousers and jacket or a waterproof all-in-one
 - Wellington boots

It is also important that children are provided with any other equipment that is appropriate to the season, such as layers, a warm hat and gloves during winter and sun cream and a sun hat during summer. Please remember to label all clothing. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact a member of the Year 1 team.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Miss E Ballard
Year 1 Class Teacher and Forest Fun Leader

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