



## **Woodland Learning 2022-2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited that as part of offering a broad curriculum at Loxwood School from September 2022, we are pleased to offer every class a fortnightly Woodland Learning session with Mrs Harder.

The ethos of Woodland Learning is based on the Forest School approach which is that of independent and child-led learning, and although some elements and activities are in line with the National Curriculum, the main aim for Woodland Learning is to develop the self-esteem and psychological wellbeing of the participants. It also allows them to choose to study primitive and historical practices of survival, tool use and develop a growing awareness and connectivity to the natural world around them.

As part of this experience activities may include developing an awareness of where different foods come from, knowledge of foraging and campfire cooking. These is a highly educational experiences, allowing children to learn about rigorous food preparation hygiene and outdoor cooking practices. Allergies and medical needs will be considered within this.

**On their day of Woodland Learning the children will need to come to school dressed in their Woodland Learning clothes.**

Most of you will be aware of the clothing requirements for participation in a Woodland Learning session, but as a reminder, your child will need to:

- Jacket/waterproof coat
- Fleece/sweatshirt\*
- Waterproof trousers/trousers that can get muddy\*
- Spare socks
- Wellies or boots (named and kept at school)**
- Woolly hat/sunhat (weather dependent)
- Gloves (weather dependent)
- Spare plastic bag for muddy kit
- \***Shorts and short sleeved shirts are not suitable**

Woodland Learning will happen in most weathers, other than high winds and thunderstorms therefore it means the children should be prepared to be outside in all weathers and dressed appropriately. To ensure we make the most of our time outside and are able to deepen our learning, playtime will be included in the Woodland Learning session.

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Accreditations:





We ask that your child comes to school dressed in their Woodland Learning Kit and please make sure all other items are named and are in a named bag. It is also useful to have a separate plastic bag for muddy clothes or boots following the sessions.

For the Autumn Term **Year 1/2** will have Woodland Learning on the following dates:

Autumn Term 1 <b>All Wednesdays</b>	Autumn Term 2 <b>All Wednesdays</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> September 28 <sup>th</sup> September 12 <sup>th</sup> October	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 16 <sup>th</sup> November 30 <sup>th</sup> November 14 <sup>th</sup> December

We are very much looking forward to this exciting opportunity, please do email [messages@loxwoodschoo.com](mailto:messages@loxwoodschoo.com) with any further queries or questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harder