



Dore Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

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I am really excited and pleased to be able to inform you that 'Outdoor Learning & Forest Schools' has been agreed by staff and governors as one of our priority areas of learning for this year. We sincerely hope you will join us on this exciting adventure and support the children across school with the many learning opportunities that we have planned.

Research evidence is overwhelmingly clear about the positive links made between outdoor learning/forest schools and the progress of children in all aspects of learning and the development of core values.

Dore Primary School is committed to developing the 'Outdoor Curriculum' and providing our children with many memorable learning experiences as they journey through school. To support this developing initiative, we are investing a significant proportion of time and professional development in order to train more staff, and provide more resources for our children to access these exciting opportunities.

We are also looking for support from community partners and parents in order to complement and enhance the school provision. If you have a recreational or professional interest in the outdoors/environment and would be interested in sharing your knowledge and passion with the children, we would love to hear from you. Also, if you happen to be considering 'retiring' any surplus outdoor equipment after a long and productive life, we would love to hear from you. We are keen to collect assorted cooking apparatus, possibly tents, ropes of all sizes (*will not be used for climbing*) and fabric stuff sacks or carry bags.

If you would like to learn more about this initiative or even donate a bit of time or kit then please contact Mr Fletcher directly at school on 01142368690.

Best Wishes

Mr Fletcher

