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Dear Parents of Robins Class,

Re: Forest Schools

We are very excited to be starting a new 'Forest Schools' programme with Robins Class, beginning next Friday (16th September) and running until half term. Forest Schools is a teaching and learning philosophy which involves using a woodland environment to learn through play in a cross-curricular way, with a strong focus on personal development. There is a lot of information online at www.forestschools.com for those of you who would like to find out more.

Mrs Fricker and the team will be working with qualified Forest Schools practitioner, Michelle Eastell, to help deliver the sessions in the Nower, just a few minutes walk from the school. The class will go each Friday beginning on 16th September (next week) in two groups of 15 - one in the morning, and one in the afternoon - for 5 weeks. We have had a very popular Forest School Club for some time and Ducklings enjoyed it last year too. This is the first time we have run Forest Schools as part of the curriculum for Y2 so we look forward to hearing what they think of it!

For Forest Schools, children need to wear long trousers they can move easily in, such as jogging bottoms or leggings (not jeans or school trousers) with socks and trainers. We ask please that trousers are plain dark colours, preferably black or navy. Due to the risk of ticks in long grass and woodland, they must have their legs and ankles covered in order to be allowed to go.

To avoid spending too much of the day getting changed, please can the children come to school on a Friday already in their trousers, socks and trainers, with their usual school T-shirt, ready for Forest School. They can stay in these clothes all day (there is no need to bring in a change of clothes). Should anyone get especially muddy in the woods during the morning, PE kits can be worn for the rest of the day. They will also need a water bottle to take to the woods, and depending on the weather, wear all-day sunscreen and bring a sunhat to school. Please ensure they bring a waterproof coat with them too.

Finally, the more helpers we have, the more adventurous our activities can be! If you are available to help with Forest Schools either regularly or occasionally, please complete the form overleaf. Many thanks in advance - your help is always very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Forest Schools - Offer of Help

I am able to help with the following sessions (please tick):

	Morning (9:30-11:30)	Afternoon (12:45-2:45)
Friday 16th September		
Friday 23rd September		
Friday 30th September		
Friday 7th October		
Friday 14th October		

Name:

Child's name:

Contact phone number:
