

Bourton on the Water Primary School

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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Finally, Spring has arrived! We hope you have been enjoying the sunshine this week.

With Spring in mind and getting outdoors, this week's newsletter would like to talk about our new plans to expand our Forest School.

Over the last term, we have been fortunate enough to send Mr Major on training to become a Level 2 certified Forest School Teacher. Forest schools provide significant, holistic benefits for children by fostering independence, confidence, and resilience through hands-on, nature-based learning. Key advantages include improved social skills, communication, physical health (motor skills and immune system), and a deeper connection to the environment. This is going to be a fantastic addition to our enrichment curriculum.

To be able to provide this new aspect to our curriculum we need new resources to support the learning. With the sunshining you might be taking the opportunity to sort through sheds and garage and any donations would be fantastic. Here is Mr Major's wish list and anything would be greatly received:

- Old buckets and digging tools
- Trugs, Buckets or barrels for storage
- Peelers for crafting
- Old outdoor equipment like slacklines/hammocks
- Any old outdoor clothing like waterproof trousers
- Old tarpaulins or shelters.

We do have limited storage space so please can you check with Mr Major or Mags in the office before leaving any donations. Mr Major has also set up an Amazon Wishlist in case you would like to support the project in another way.

Mr Major is also after some wood for Forest School crafting, the best woods are generally soft hardwoods that are "green" (freshly cut) because they are easier for children to carve and manipulate with basic tools. Mags will send full details out on the sort of wood that would be suitable.

Finally, we would also like to thank Mr Ede for running amazing geometry workshops for the whole school this week. The children have said how the sessions were fun and they enjoyed the perseverance needed to complete the geometry problems.

Fingers crossed the sunshine continues – have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Kilbey & Mrs Connor

Co Headteachers



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