



16th October 2020

Forest School for All

Education through nature helps to increase children's self-belief, confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, communication, problem-solving skills and emotional well-being.

Being Outdoors Forest School began as an afterschool club at Hague Bar Primary in 2019 and in September 2020 I introduced this into the curriculum for some children. This has been so successful that I want every Hague Bar child to have this opportunity. To this end, I have arranged for Forest School to run each week on a Thursday.

Children who are currently in the Thursday afternoon session will continue to have this enhanced provision for the rest of the year, however the morning session will be given to each class in turn (split in to two groups for an hour and half each). A further benefit will be that the half-class who are not doing Forest School will get some closer focused teaching with their classroom adults.

I have worked out a timetable which allows each child a minimum of 7 Forest School sessions.

Hassop: November 5th and every Thursday until December 17th

Hartington: January 7th and every Thursday until February 24th

Haddon: March 4th and every Thursday until May 27th (not May 6th)

Any summer sessions not allocated will be shared as fairly as possible.

As this is an outdoors session you will need to consider whether particular/extra clothing is needed to be sent/worn, such as waterproofs, wellies and gloves. You will be contacted if extra permission is needed for a very local off-site visit.

Request: We will need parent volunteer/s to help with Forest School. Only one parent from 9am-12 noon would be needed in addition to the Forest School teacher. If you would like and are able to volunteer for your child's class, please let the relevant class teacher know via ClassDojo. Thank you in advance.

I am really excited and proud to be able to provide this for every child at Hague Bar Primary.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Parry".

Mrs Rachel Parry
Headteacher