



The Ryde School

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Headteacher: Mrs Sue Thompson

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of Learning Outside the Classroom provision for all classes at The Ryde your child will be able to take part in Forest School sessions. The first session for Year 2 will take place on **Tuesday 7th January** and further sessions will continue for the rest of the Spring Term **every Tuesday afternoon**.

During Forest School your child will be developing a whole range of skills, see the attached poster for the many and varied skills children develop when they play outdoors.

Every Tuesday it is **essential** that your child has **appropriate clothing** with them to wear outside during Forest School especially as the weather can be so variable and may change from when they arrive at school.

Each item needs to be named clearly, as other children may have the same items of clothing/boots, this additional clothing can be bought to school in named plastic bag/ rucksack/drawstring bag.

1. A pair welly boots/hiking/snow boots, that they can put on and off themselves, with enough space to wear two pairs of socks (or a pair of thick socks) if these are needed as the weather gets colder in order for feet to stay warm.
The named boots can be kept at school on the class welly- boot rack.
2. An extra pair of warm leggings/trousers especially for all children who are still wearing shorts, skirts or tunics so that they do not get injuries to their legs from the brambles and stinging nettles and if they choose to climb trees during the session.
3. A warm waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers/dungarees or an all in one waterproof suit.
4. When the weather is cooler – a pair of gloves (not mittens), scarf or snood and hat.

If you have any further questions about Forest School, please contact the school office or speak to Class 2 staff.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Miss. Burns
Forest School Teacher

