

Forest schools for Gillamoor CE School



On Tuesdays starting Tuesday 19 April
and finishing Tuesday 24 May 2016

Where are we going?

We will be learning and playing outdoors mainly at the village field but also the area around school and Gillamoor Village.

Who are we working with?

Acorn Antics, a creative outdoor learning company, will be running the sessions.

www.acornantics.co.uk.

What will the children be doing?

Acorn Antics use a mixture of games and activities along with free play to encourage exploration, learning and fun in the outdoors. The children and staff will be working outside no matter what the weather, unless it is so bad it is considered unsafe to do so (please see note below regarding appropriate clothing).

The theme for the project will be developing independence and resilience. The children will be introduced to a number of different activities in the woodland/outside including having the opportunity to learn about fire safety, have a go at lighting a fire using a flint and steel and we'll be cooking up our own hot drink and tasty treats.

We will be using natural materials and have the opportunity to use a number of different bushcraft tools.

Safety

Risk assessments are carried out for everything we will do, and we will also have increased adult numbers to assist with safety.

If you are available to help any Tuesday please let school know. The more the merrier. The activities will be for infants in the morning and juniors in the afternoons. Help would be appreciated for both. If you are able to stay all day and would like a school dinner please let school know.

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What to Wear - please send your child dressed as follows with a spare set of clothes and shoes in a bag.

Wellies or stout shoes

Warm socks (if appropriate thick welly/walking/skiing socks preferably)

Jogging bottoms or thick leggings (please **no jeans** these are very cold when wet, thin leggings provide very little warmth if you only have thin wear two pairs and definitely no shorts or skirts)

Long sleeved t shirt (even if it's hot to help protect against insect bites)

Warm jumper (essential) and warm coat (if appropriate)

Waterproof coat (essential) and trousers (if appropriate)

Sun hat, warm hat and gloves as appropriate

Important Note

Your child is likely to get muddy and wet, this is all part of the experience we encourage the children to explore their environment and mud and water are just part of it. Do not send your child in anything you do not want them to get muddy or wet. Dressing your child as we suggest above will help ensure they get the most out of the experience as they can enjoy the sessions no matter what the wonderful British weather throws at us!

Please return the consent form below to school by Friday 15 April so that your child can take part.

Please cut off here so you can keep the 'what to wear' list above.

Consent Form for Explore, Discover and Create Session

I consent to my child

taking part in the above sessions, and to the use of antihistamine cream and/or insect repellent being used on my child if it is deemed necessary by the Acorn Antics Leader/School First Aid staff .

My child has the following Medical/Allergy/food allergy issues that need to be taken into account during the sessions:

Signed

Print.....Date.....

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