



MERIDIAN COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND NURSERY
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Forest School – Summer 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Meridian our children love their Forest School sessions and we are one of the few schools locally who offer forest school for all year groups, all year round. Normally for years 3, 4, 5 & 6, the whole class attends Forest School at the same time following a bespoke Forest School programme.

We have been reviewing our Forest School provision and decided to change how the classes in key stage 2 attend the session. Instead of the whole class attending we have split the class into two groups. Group 1 will attend Forest School in the first three weeks and group 2 will attend in the last three weeks of every term. When they are not attending Forest School the children's class teacher will be continuing their learning in the classroom. With smaller groups in Forest School the children will have more time to learn about the natural environment and hone their Forest School skills, such as whittling, cooking and fire lighting.

The children will be informed as to which group they are in when they return from the Easter Holidays. If they are in group 1 they will have their Forest School sessions on the first week back.

The changes do not affect children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Oceans Rooms as they will continue to attend as a whole class. However please check the table below to see when your child's forest school will be.

	Morning <i>Children arrive in their forest school clothes and have their school uniform to change into.</i>	Afternoon <i>Children arrive in their school uniform and have their forest school clothes to change into.</i>
Monday	Nursery & Oceans Rooms	6B (Mrs Beeching)
Tuesday	Year 1	5H (Miss Hales)
Wednesday	Year 2	6M (Mrs Middleton)
Thursday	Year 3	5BPS (Mr Barcock & Mrs Passingham-Smith)
Friday	Year 4	Reception

Please be aware that we sometimes need to swap days when there are clashes with things such as school trips, swimming etc. We try and give as much notice as possible and any changes are shared via our app.

Forest School kit

- Trousers or shorts (no jeans, cycling shorts)
- T-shirt & jumper (no crop tops)
- Wellies or old trainers (must not be school shoes)
- Waterproof Coat just in case it rains
- Sun hat & suncream

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

Mr C Legate