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Dear Parents and Carers

Forest School

As part of your child's curriculum development we will continue with our Forest School provision this year. Last year was a great success; children, parents and teachers have seen the huge benefits of having regular sessions every week in our unique, outdoor learning environment. The children have been able to access 'hands on' curriculum experiences, broadening their knowledge of the subjects learnt with their class teacher. Please see the below box for information about when your child's session will be; starting from Monday 11th September. (Please note: There will be no Forest School on Tuesday 12th September)

	AM	PM
Monday	Maple	Larch
Tuesday	Mulberry	Elder
Wednesday	Oak	Beech
Thursday	Chestnut	
Friday	Holly	Willow

As always the weather is very changeable and children will need to come dressed for all weather conditions! This includes a waterproof coat, wellies, sun hat or warm hat, gloves and layered clothing will maximise heat in the cold weather. Due to the nature of the session, your child will at times get very muddy, could we please make a request the no branded clothes are worn and only allow children to wear clothes that you don't mind getting very dirty. There is always a supply of clothing, waterproofs and wellies if needed (any donations welcome). Could we also ask that if children have a morning session they come dressed in their clothes and bring their uniform to change into. If their Forest School session is in the afternoon please bring clothes to change into after lunch.

We are providing the best start for our children at Mowbray by using this outdoor resource and the benefits of Forest School at Mowbray are recognised by Ofsted:

"the Forest School enhances pupils' enjoyment by giving them opportunities to develop their understanding and skills using the natural environment as inspiration"

'Extremely effective Forest School programme.'

'The Forest School is widening pupils' opportunities to use the outdoors for inspiration and motivation'

This year Mrs Ogglesby will provide a termly newsletter to inform you of all the exciting sessions your children has participated in. We will also be hosting many Forest School themed events including, den building week, Forest School Spring Event, year four camping trip and year six mission survival.

We are looking forward to another exciting year at Mowbray. I am always available to discuss any aspect of your child's Forest School education.

Yours sincerely
Mrs H Ogglesby