



Cliffe VC Primary School



Dear Parents,

As part of our practical approach to learning we are developing our Outdoor Learning. We are very lucky to have the large grounds we have at Cliffe V.C. Primary School and plan on further utilizing them to the best of our ability. To do this we plan to have 5 Outdoor Learning weeks this academic year. During that week each class will spend a day learning outdoors. This, of course, will not be the only learning your child experiences outside but it does give a scheduled day to learn entirely outdoors whatever the weather. Due to this we are asking the children to come in non-uniform for their designated day. They should wear weather appropriate clothes (e.g. waterproof coats and wellies) that are hard wearing.

This idea of Outdoor Learning is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences. A quote taken from the Woodland Trust states that:

"The beauty of teaching outdoors is that the children often do not perceive it as 'learning' and yet they learn some of their most valuable lessons there. The lack of walls means that they feel less inhibited - both physically and mentally - and it allows them to join up their thinking by applying it in a real-world context"

The types of experiences we have planned for this year include: shelter building, making habitat houses and wild art (which will link closely to our visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park.) We have carefully planned these dates so that the children will experience the outdoor learning area throughout all seasons and the activities they partake in will be influenced by this.

Our first Outdoor Learning week will begin on the 24th September. Please see below for your child / children's designated Outdoor Learning day:

Tuesday 25th Sept - West Wing

Wednesday 26th September - South Wing

Thursday 27th September - East Wing

Friday 28th September - North Wing

We have resourced this area of the curriculum in preparation however to enhance our Outdoor Learning even further we would very much appreciate any donations of the following:

Wooden pallets

Cut branches

Old washing line

Sheets

If at any time of the year you have a donation please feel free to bring along to school, many thanks.

We are very excited to develop Outdoor Learning and have some fantastic activities planned for the children.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs. Hay.

Yours Sincerely

C. Capewell