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Dear Parent/Guardian,

EYFS/KS1 Outdoor Learning - Spring Term 2020

At New Valley, we want the outdoor learning environment to play an important role in the curriculum. We believe that regular outdoor experiences make a positive contribution to children's physical, personal and social education. 'Forest Learning' encourages curiosity and enthusiasm, providing children with the opportunity to learn about and take risks that challenge them in a safe way.

At New Valley we are very excited to be introducing **'Forest Fridays'**, a new initiative for Reception and KS1 children. This approach will provide children with hands-on learning experiences that develop positive relationships with the natural world through having regular contact with the environment. To enrich their learning experiences, your child will be involved in 'Forest Fridays' twice a half term. This will involve a range of outdoor learning activities, such as den building, scavenger hunts, exploration, science activities or other learning related to their topics that week.

Please see the dates for the first half term below:

Reception: 10/1 and 24/1
Year 1: 17/1 and 7/2
Year 2: 31/1 and 7/2

Please make sure that children come to school wearing their full school uniform but bring a change of clothes which are suitable for outdoor activities. They will need warm and waterproof clothing and wellies/ trainers that are comfortable and can get muddy!

Please sign the general permission form below for your child to use our local woodland during curriculum activities within the school day throughout the year, including 'Forest Fridays'. Please indicate if you are able to assist on the afternoon of your child's woodland session, as we will only be able to carry out this new initiative with the support of adult helpers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me or your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

H. Wingrave

Miss Wingrave
PE and Outdoor Learning Subject Leader

Local Woodland Trips

Please return this slip to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 18th December.

I give permission for _____ to take part in learning in local woodland during curriculum activities throughout the school year.

I am able to help on these dates: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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