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Outdoor Learning Day: Thursday, 4th November, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Hopefully, you will have noticed that we have been working hard to make our outdoor spaces more accessible to the children – as a resource and as an inspiration. We have lots of plans for the year ahead and we hope that you will start to notice more and more changes as the transformation continues. We want to promote the benefits of learning in an outdoor environment:

“Being outside builds confidence, promotes creativity and imagination, teaches responsibility, gets the children moving and improves wellbeing.” – Child Mind Institute

Therefore, on Thursday, 4th November, we will be taking the learning outside as part of an initiative to promote an increased interaction with nature and to develop a better understanding of the link between being outdoors and positive mental health. The children will participate in a range of outdoor learning activities throughout the day linked to areas of the curriculum: Maths, English, Art, Science, PE and PSHE. At the end of the week, all of the children will be asked to complete a home-learning activity. This will be posted onto Tapestry for Year R and onto Teams for Years 1 and 2.

***“Outdoor learning;
The key to happy, healthy and creative children.” – TES (Times educational supplement)***

On Thursday 4th November, Year R children will already be in their PE kits as Thursday is their usual PE day. However, **Years 1 and 2 are also invited to wear their winter PE kits on this day too:** Solent PE t-shirt and school jumper/ cardigan with black leggings or jogging bottoms. The appropriate footwear for the day's activities would be trainers. All children will need a warm, waterproof coat and, depending on the weather that week, they may also need a hat and gloves. Please do check the forecast as the weather seems especially changeable this year!

We look forward to sharing the learning with you via the School Newsletter and the School Website.

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