



St Mark's C.E. Primary School

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WOODLAND EXPLORERS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We know from our Future Learners survey that you are interested in children taking part in Forest Schools. This is something we too have been keen to facilitate and so we are delighted to announce the launch of **Woodland Explorers**, a new Forest School-style education initiative that will provide our pupils with rich, hands-on learning experiences in the natural environment. This exciting provision, designed and led by Fresh Air Club's Craig Summer, is designed to nurture pupils' confidence, independence, self-esteem, and deepen their understanding and appreciation of God's creation, fully aligned with our school vision that by Loving God and Serving others, we can all fulfil our potential in Flourishing together.



This year, we are pleased to begin Woodland Explorers with Year 5 and Year 3 pupils participating in a focused half-term block of outdoor learning. During this time, they will engage in a range of activities that promote respect for the environment, inspire curiosity and resilience, and rejoice in the joy of connecting with nature.

All other year groups will have the opportunity to experience taster sessions this year, allowing every pupil to begin exploring and enjoying the benefits of outdoor learning.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, we plan that all children across the school will participate in a full Woodland Explorers experience, ensuring every pupil benefits from this valuable provision.

Woodland Explorers supports our commitment to fostering responsible global citizens by increasing pupils' understanding of climate change, sustainability, and biodiversity. Through practical activities and cooperative group work, your children will develop skills and knowledge that will help them care for our local environment and beyond.

We are confident that this initiative will enrich your child's learning experience and promote their well-being, social development, and academic growth.

If you have any questions or would like further information about Woodland Explorers, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards,

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