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Dear Parents

We are very excited to announce that Year 1 will be taking part in a six week Forest School experience starting on Monday, 22 January 2018.

Forest School is an inspirational concept providing learning opportunities through practical activities in an outdoor environment. Children enjoy the freedom to explore and experience the natural world in all seasons and **in all weathers**. Forest School embraces the approach of nurturing, supporting and developing the self-esteem of participants. It is an ideal environment in which to develop innovation, problem solving, risk taking and teamwork.

Forest School sessions will be led by Miss Claire Reily as part of her Forest School Leader qualification. Miss Reily is one of the senior school Art teachers and a co-founder of Saltburn Beach and Forest School. She is a trained First Aider and will be supported on Forest School sessions by Mrs Kitching, Miss Farrell and school support staff. The sessions will take place in a woodland area, at Norton Sports Charity, on Monday mornings.

To allow the pupils to participate fully, the correct clothing is essential:

- Wellingtons
- Long trousers
- Long sleeved top and jumper/sweatshirt
- Waterproof coat & trousers
- Hat, gloves and warm socks.

These need to be old clothes as we do not intend to stay clean!

A further letter will be sent home in January. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mr'S Haywood

Head of Nursery & Infant School