



Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed

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Dear Families of Orca and Giraffe Class,

We are very pleased to inform you that, during this term, Orca and Giraffe Class will be taking part in 'Forest School at the Beach' sessions. These will be taking place on Monday afternoons starting from **Monday 7th September and running to Monday 19th October**. We have been kindly allowed to use part of the beach to undertake these sessions, which is easy walking distance for the children.

Forest School started in Scandinavia and is a way of learning in a woodland environment. It provides the space where people can develop socially, emotionally and physically through play, following individual and preferred learning styles.

At Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed, we will aim to nurture our children so that they can reach their full potential. We believe that it is vitally important to look at the whole child when considering their education and we think the holistic experience they receive as a member of our Forest School will equip them with the skills to become confident in their own abilities: in the classroom, outdoors and beyond. Forest School gives children the time and space necessary to develop the tools and skills to become resilient, independent and inquisitive learners.

What will my child need for Forest School?

To ensure the success of our sessions at the beach, your child needs to be as comfortable as possible. Your child will need to come to school in:

- Wellington boots/ sturdy trainers (these can be brought to school in a named bag)
- Suitable clothing for outdoor play and learning in all weather conditions
 - o School PE top along with either the school jumper or PE fleece – a long sleeve top can be worn underneath.
 - o Long bottoms e.g. joggers, jeans or leggings
- A waterproof coat
- Layers for colder weather including gloves and hat
- A labelled water bottle

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the "Forest School at the Beach" please do not hesitate to contact myself for more information and also if you would like to volunteer on these afternoons. Also, any problems getting equipment please see Miss Taylor.

We look forward to working with your child this term and hope they can share their experiences with you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Chapman

