



Five Ways' Forest News



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Exciting News.....

We are pleased to announce that Five Ways is developing a **Forest School!**



This is a fantastic child-led learning approach for all pupils, regardless of their ability, where they will build both their confidence and self-esteem through engaging sessions in a natural, outdoor environment within the school premises.

The Forest School ethos, which originated in Scandinavia, is shared by thousands of trained practitioners across the UK and beyond and an increasing number of schools throughout Staffordshire are implementing it as part of their curriculum.



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We need your help...

The 'Forest School' area to be developed will include the small copse of trees outside the Year 3 classrooms and the grassy bank running the length of the school field.

Exciting developments...

- Planting of trees on the grassy bank - this work will be carried out on Monday 12th February
- Creating a wildlife area for birds and insects
- Creating a pupil learning area

Please respect the 'Forest School' area and the hard work being carried out by staff by keeping off these areas once work commences next week. Thank you.



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Are you interested in getting involved?

- Would you like to assist in the development of our Forest School at Five Ways?

If so, please contact **Mrs Gosling (Year 4)** or **Mrs Rock (Year 1)** through the school office.

We look forward to keeping you updated regarding our Forest School development in Issue 2 of this newsletter.

Thank you...

Mitchell Hicken (tree surgeon) from

<http://arborchase.co.uk/>

for your support and kind donation of wood.