



HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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24th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of Class 3

Children in Class 3 will be taking part in 5 sessions of Forest School and 1 session of Beach School on the following dates:

- Friday 25th April – Forest School
- Friday 2nd May – Forest School
- Friday 9th May – Forest School
- Friday 16th May – Forest School
- Friday 23rd May – Forest School
- Wednesday 4th June – Beach School

If there are any changes to these dates, we will let you know in advance.

We will be going to the beach or using the site at Ross Woods which is less than a ten minute drive away from the school, off New Road, Herne. The site is a scout camp site and has some amazing activity opportunities in addition to the woodland. There is parking available and we are able to use the toilet facilities. The site now has numerous hand washing facilities with hot water and hand sanitising stations and the children will wash their hands before getting onto the minibuses and when they disembark.

These days offer children the opportunities to achieve and develop through self-led, hands on learning experiences in a local woodland. The sessions are structured but flexible. Children are encouraged to learn at their own pace, including time for free play within set boundaries, which is recognised as a valuable learning process. Activities can be repeated in subsequent sessions, allowing participants to be involved at a time appropriate to their individual learning.

Temporary shelter is used in case of bad weather, and there is usually a fire which is supervised. All activities and the site are Risk Assessed and there will be safety talks to establish ground rules.

The children will be outdoors for each session, so we advise that they wear/bring the following and are prepared for all weather conditions.

For the woods the children should have:

Long trousers (to avoid scratches)
Long sleeves (to avoid scratches)
Sturdy footwear – boots or wellies are best

For the beach children should have:

Long trousers or shorts
T-shirt and a sweatshirt
Footwear that can get wet and a bag to put them in
A change of shoes/clothes and a small towel (just in case they get wet)





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Recommended for both Forest & Beach: – depending on the weather

A suitable packed lunch and plenty to drink

Coat, hat, scarf, gloves

Plenty of layers of clothing or thermals

Waterproofs (we can provide these if necessary)

Sun hat (warm weather)

Insect repellent (if required)

Sun cream should be applied before school during warm weather

We provide drinking water and activities may include making a hot chocolate drink and cooking (e.g. popcorn, marshmallows, chestnuts, potatoes, sausages) over the fire.

There will be a variety of practical activities and games and children may be using tools, such as loppers, bowsaws and peelers under close supervision from Forest School staff. Use of tools depends on the students' age and ability levels, which is assessed by Forest School staff.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink and come suitably dressed for all weathers.

If you would like to order a school packed lunch, please indicate this on your permission form. The normal meal pricing applies.

The children will be travelling by minibus and normal school hours will apply.

Please complete the consent form by clicking on the link below and submitting your reply by **Friday 4th April 2025**

[Forest School Consent Form](#)

Thank you

Mrs Phillipson

