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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception have been using the conservation area for their Woodland Work sessions for the last half term. All children have really enjoyed using the woodland area so far and have already focused on life in and around the pond and this week, we went looking for animal tracks in the mud and we were able to identify some fox prints! We hope to continue this learning next half term and build on the children's enthusiasm for the local wildlife.

To save time changing clothes, and to make the absolute most of the time we have available for using the conservation area, we thought it would be a good idea for **RY to come to school on Fridays already in their Woodland Work kit**. Children will need to wear their own clothes: clothes that you do not mind getting muddy. Please be aware that children may return home in muddy clothes but this is likely to mean that they have had a fantastic experience and we hope that you will understand.

Ideally, the children will wear tracksuit bottoms or leggings, a long sleeved top and jumper but a kit list is attached on the reverse of this letter and is weather dependent. The children will continue to wear their wellies into the conservation area so school shoes for the rest of the day, would still be best. Your child's waterproofs and wellies will stay at school for the whole half term (just as they do now) although as the weather improves, there may be less need to wear them every week. If your child gets particularly muddy, we would send the waterproofs home that same night so that you can clean them and return them.

I do hope that this ensures that we make the most of our time outside but we will review it at the end of the spring term.

Many thanks,

Mrs Rowley

Early Years Foundation Stage Leader

Forest School Kit List

All Year

Waterproof jacket/coat – ESSENTIAL at all times of the year

Wellington boots / sturdy shoes

Warmer Months

T-shirt - Long sleeves are best to avoid scratches

Light trousers NOT shorts

Sun hat

Colder Months

Warm socks – more than one pair on particularly cold days

Trousers

Waterproof trousers

Fleece / jumper

Vest

Gloves, hat and scarf

PLEASE NAME ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES