Ashdown
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Dear Parents,

Friday 8th December

This year we are developing a very exciting outdoor learning project for all classes in Key Stage 1. This will support the development of both fine and gross motor skills, increase children's awareness of the countryside and natural world, linking with our Eco School status, whilst enhancing mental, physical & social wellbeing.

Each term, for a total of six weeks, one class will attend an outdoor learning session led by 2 instructors from 'The Great Out-tours Company' one morning a week. The instructors, led by Mr John Brooksbank, are fully DBS checked and first aid trained. The children will experience outdoor learning using carefully themed practical activities from our countryside, linked directly to the learning in the classroom and the national Curriculum.

Your child is a member of Rabbit Class and they will begin their outdoor learning programme on Thursday 11th January. They will be supported by their Class Teacher, Mrs Imogen Coogan.

Please send your child to school dressed in suitable outdoor clothing for these sessions. They will need trousers, long sleeved tops and wellingtons, plus coats / waterproof clothing in response to the weather for each session. Please ensure clothing is **suitable for outdoor learning.**

As the session is for the morning only they will need to bring their school uniform to change into.

I have outlined the timetable below for your information.

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RABBITS OUTDOOR LEARNING TIMETABLE	
Session 1	Thursday 11th January 2024
Session 2	Thursday 18th January
Session 3	Thursday 25th January
Session 4	Thursday 1st February
Session 5	Thursday 8th February
	HOLIDAY
Session 6	Thursday 22nd February

We are looking forward to developing the use of our fabulous outdoor learning environment for all classes at the Infant Site and are thrilled that your children will have the opportunity to experience this special way of learning.

Mrs Becky McAteer
Foundation Stage Leader
Outdoor Learning Leader

Mrs Kate Owbridge
Executive Head of School