



Dear Parents/Carers

We are very excited to continue our new initiative: 'Nature Detective' at Whiston Junior and Infant School. We have a great outdoor area that is perfect for children to go out and explore, have fun and learn about nature.

Our 'Nature Detective' initiative is an inspirational learning concept that provides learning opportunities through practical activities in an outdoor environment. Last year the children enjoyed the freedom to explore and experience the natural world in all seasons and in all weathers. Nature Detective embraces an approach of nurturing, supporting and developing the self-esteem of participants. It is an ideal environment in which to develop innovation, problem solving, risk taking, creativity and teamwork.

Nature Detective sessions will be led by Mrs Fretwell, the class teacher and the class teaching assistant. The sessions are inclusive and planned to allow all pupils to participate fully. The safety and welfare of the pupils participating in the sessions is paramount and therefore all tasks are age-appropriate and risk assessments have been carried out.

To allow the children to participate fully the correct clothing is essential for Nature Detective. All children need to bring in extra clothing on their day:

- Wellingtons/sturdy walking boots e.g. suitable for digging and being out in all weather conditions etc
- Long trousers
- Long sleeved top
- Jumper/sweater
- Waterproof coat
- Hat, gloves and scarfs (for Autumn and Winter months)
- Sun hat and sun cream (Spring and Summer months)

These clothes need to be old, as the children will be going outside in all weathers and the clothes could get dirty and wet.

FS2 will be taking part in Nature Detectives the week commencing **Tuesday 26th February**; consequently, they will need the clothing above ready for each week.

Kind Regards
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