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Autumn Watch Week

Dear Parents,

This year, to further enrich our curriculum and embrace the extensive outdoor learning possibilities that we have on our doorstep, we have decided to embark on “seasonal-watch weeks” throughout the year.

To kick it all off, commencing the week of the 16th November, all classes have been assigned an Autumn Watch day over a two-week period; a day where our children will *‘explore, discover and enjoy Autumn through our values of Respect, Courage, Compassion and Friendship’*.

Alongside supporting all pupils at Nightingale to explore, learn about and discover our ever-changing environment, high-quality outdoor learning experiences are also proven to:

- develop reflective and inquisitive thinking along with problem-solving approaches in ‘real’ situations;
- encourage holistic development of children;
- develop resilience and adaptability in occasionally adverse circumstances;
- allow children to become more able in identifying hazards and risks;
- develop a love, appreciation and respect for nature and all that is living;
- develop an understanding of how we can look after our environment;
- develop self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem;
- develop collaborative-working and communication skills;
- provide positive health benefits – both physically and mentally – and assist gross and fine-motor development;
- develop a lifelong love of the outdoors.

All of these being crucial elements in overall childhood development.

The dates for your child’s Autumn Watch Day are listed in the timetable below. Please ensure that you provide your child with a pair of wellington boots, a spare pair of socks and waterproof clothing (a waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers if possible) to bring in on their assigned Autumn Watch day. Children will be spending all day outside during these days which will continue, even if the weather is wet. Therefore, appropriate

footwear and waterproof layers will be an essential part of their attire for the day. Dates will only be changed and rescheduled if there is heavy rain forecast.

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| EYFS | Wednesday 25 th November |
| Year 1 | Split between two afternoons – Monday 23 rd November and Thursday 26 th November |
| Year 2 | Thursday 19 th November |
| Year 3 | Wednesday 18 th November |
| Year 4 | Friday 27 th November |
| Year 5 | Friday 20 th November |
| Year 6 | Thursday 26 th November |

Kind regards,



Mrs Lauren Trumble
Deputy Headteacher