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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term, our curricular goal is for all children to learn to:

“Make something with wood with purpose”.

During this term, the children are learning skills to help them to be able to use wood to make something. The children will be encouraged to plan their ideas. This means they will be supported to think through what they want to make, what they will need and how to do to it!



The children will be working on developing their skills with different tools and learning how to use them correctly and with control.

So far, the children have been cutting (sawing motion) fruit and vegetables, trying out “hapazome” the Japanese art of hammering the colours from petals onto fabric, hammering golf tees into potatoes as well as making plans when creating with junk materials.



The children will begin working with **Balsa wood**. This is an especially lightweight, soft wood, which is ideal to get children started. However, it is expensive and getting tricky to come by. It is very popular amongst those that build light aircraft. Apparently, there is an annual competition soon, which makes it even harder to find this wood! (Who knew?) We have been lucky enough to secure some so the curriculum can continue!!



Due to its expense, we are asking you to make a **voluntary contribution of £5**. This will really help us to ensure we can provide this experience for as many children as possible.

St Werburgh’s Park Nursery School has in fact, been providing woodwork experiences for young children since the 1930’s!

We would also like to **invite you** to join us for a **woodwork workshop** with your child on **Wednesday 30th March**. The plan will be for the morning and 30 hour children to join in with the workshop at 8.45am and the afternoon children to join at 3pm. The workshop will take place in the Nursery Garden.



Our teachers and practitioners will be on hand to show you what to do but we will also need you to be responsible for your child during the workshop as there will be tools available. There will be a selection of harder woods as well as some balsa wood for you to plan and build something with your child. Some children may have already explored using harder woods but will most likely need your support as it is more challenging.

We are really looking forward to seeing your fantastic creations!

Best wishes,

Mandy Collier-King,

Acting Head teacher

