

9th May 2023

Dear parent/carer,

KS1 Outdoor & Woodland Learning Trip

On Tuesday 23rd May, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having a fun-filled day of outdoor and woodland learning including geography fieldwork, science, art and design technology at Patty's Barn.

Our school has committed to the RSPB Wild Challenge. The Wild Challenge is an award scheme all about enabling pupils to apply curriculum knowledge and skills, as well as to develop their resilience and sense of agency through outdoor learning while helping wildlife. The children are already well on their way to achieving the Bronze Award. We are also supporting the Save Our Wild Isles Campaign led by David Attenborough, the RSPB, WWF and the Natural Trust which aims to urgently recover nature in the UK.

On the day, children will be exploring and identifying creatures in their natural habitats and taking part in a Bioblitz in which they identify as many creatures as possible in a certain area. Children will be making their own pond-dipping nets in school and will be pond-dipping and recording the species and plants they find. They will be sweep netting and using hoops to section areas before identifying creatures found there. This data will then be submitted to a national database when back at school and helps scientists and geographers to identify trends in nature. The children will then go on a habitat hunt around the 3-mile nature trail before considering how to increase the habitat homes and so the biodiversity of the area. Following this, they will be making hedgehog cafes, homes for toads and log piles to encourage more creatures to live in the areas. They will decide where to place the homes and the materials they will need to build them.

They will have chance for a sweet treat, toasting marshmallows on the fire pit and take part in some natural sketching, and some exciting art activities. Back in school, they will be inspired by the beautiful book 'The Lost Words' to create their own nature spells and black out poems including their sketches, They will listen to musical pieces, giving their responses. They will create digital maps of their habitat homes using Purple Mash software.

Children from both classes will need to be dropped off at Patty's Barn at the first car park and picked up at the same place at the following times:

Swallows 9.00am

Robins 9:15am

Robins 2.45pm

Swallows 3.00pm

This will give anyone who has older children time to get back to school to collect Key Stage 2 siblings. Of course, siblings from Swallow Class can be picked up at the earlier times.

Please could we ask parents to send in the following resources for the trip:

Old tights (for making pond-dipping nets)

Wire coat hangers

Bamboo canes

Cardboard boxes and shoe boxes

Logs/sticks

Bags of pebbles and stones

PLEASE BRING TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 15TH MAY so we can check what we have and buy any additional resources we will need.

The RSPB Wild Challenge has lots of activities you can do at home too <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning-for-families/family-wild-challenge/>



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The trip will **cost £2 per child** to cover the cost of sweep nets, creature trays and any other equipment we will need to buy to make the creature homes. These resources will be used again on future trips and for fieldwork activities in our school grounds.

The route around Patty's Barn has been risk assessed and mapped. If the weather is unkind to us we will be staying in school and go on an alternative date.

The children will require a packed lunch which they will order as usual in school. They will need to wear suitable clothing. They will need their school t-shirts and jumpers on but can wear leggings, tracksuit bottoms or jeans with old shoes or wellies. Wellies are most advisable. A waterproof coat is a must as we will be outside most of the day and sunhat and suncream applied if we are lucky enough to get the sunshine. Please send your child with their water bottle.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our last visit and we cannot wait to go again.

Please complete the reply slip below to give permission for your child to come on the trip.

Kind regards,

Miss Wragg

Patty's Barn Outdoor & Woodland Learning Day – Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Name of child: _____

Name of parent _____ give my permission for my child to attend the Patty's Barn Outdoor & Woodland Learning Day and have noted the times for drop off and pick up. I enclose £2 per child to cover the cost of resources for the trip.

I will ensure my child wears suitable clothing.

Please tick the following:

I will be sending my child with a home packed lunch

I require a school dinner packed lunch

Signed _____



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