



Dear Parents and Carers,

While part of our Year 4 will be heading off on their residential visit, we are thrilled to share the exciting plans we have for the children who will be staying in school. We want these three days to be just as memorable, inspiring, and full of adventure — packed with hands-on learning, creativity, and teamwork.

Day 1 — Nature Documentary Project

To kick off the week, the children will become wildlife filmmakers! Using the school grounds as their natural stage, they will work in small teams to create their very own Nature Documentary.

The children will:

- Explore the school grounds to spot and investigate wildlife and plant habitats.
- Film insects, plants, and other creatures using iPads.
- Research fascinating facts about their finds and write short voiceover scripts.
- Edit their footage and add narration to produce a mini-documentary in the style of David Attenborough.

This is a hands-on, creative, and scientific challenge that encourages curiosity, observation, and teamwork. At the end of the day, the children will be able to share their films with the class, showcasing the hidden wonders of their school grounds.

Day 2 — Outdoor Adventure with Jo from Within the Wood



On Thursday 29th January, the children will step into the great outdoors with Jo from Within the Wood for a full day of adventure and forest fun. ([Forest School, Holiday Camps, Outdoor Learning - Within The Wood](#)). Jo will lead a range of activities designed to develop resilience, problem-solving, teamwork, and practical skills, all while immersing the children in nature.

Activities may include:

- Shelter-building challenges — who can make the sturdiest hideaway?
- Fire lighting and camp skills — learning how to stay safe and warm outdoors.
- Natural crafts — using sticks, leaves, and other materials to create art.
- Team-building challenges — fun and exciting games that test creativity and collaboration.



- Nature exploration and mini scavenger hunts to discover the wonders around us.

To make the day even more magical, the children will enjoy marshmallows around the fire and some hot chocolate, embracing a true woodland-camp experience. Children are also invited to come in non-uniform on this day.

Day 3 — STEM Challenge Extravaganza!

The final day is guaranteed to spark curiosity, creativity, and friendly competition. The children will take part in a Science and STEM Challenge Day, tackling a series of thrilling, hands-on investigations that challenge their problem-solving, engineering, and teamwork skills.

Challenges may include:

- Building the strongest bridge — can their design hold the most weight?
- Whose boat will hold the great load? — children will design and build small boats from various materials and test how much weight they can carry before sinking.
- Paper helicopter challenge — who can make theirs spin the longest?
- The ultimate egg-drop engineering challenge — children will design and build a protective device that can safely drop an egg from a height without breaking it! They will plan, test, adapt, and learn from their experiments, just like real engineers.

A Fantastic Three Days Ahead

We are confident that the children will come away from these three days inspired, proud, and full of stories about what they have created, discovered, and achieved. It's a unique opportunity for them to explore nature, develop practical and scientific skills, and experience the thrill of working together on exciting, hands-on challenges.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £13.17 to help cover the cost of this project. This will be added to your ParentPay account. Your support is greatly appreciated, as without these contributions we are unable to run this experience.

Please ensure your child comes to school on these days with a warm coat, gloves, and hat, as lots of the activities will take place outside.

Thank you for your continued support in making these special days possible. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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