

Teachers Notes

Warm-up for Winter

Thank you for your booking. Please check all details both on the programme, here, and on your booking confirmation form

PROGRAMME

Start time and meeting place: Please also refer to your booking form. Meeting place is the Longdendale Environmental Centre. Coach parking is available here

Location:

- Longdendale Environmental Centre (LEC), Tintwistle

Introduction:

- Welcome and introduction to leaders and the Peak District National Park
- Objectives and outcomes of the day
- Staying safe

Activities:

- The Peak District National Park
- How does wildlife survive the winter? Some examples
- Hibernation – what is it and why does certain wildlife hibernate?
- Sensory activities and games linked to storing food in the wild and hibernating animals
- Nest-making for the dormouse
- Experimenting with natural insulating nest-making materials for hibernation
- Recording results of hibernation test
- Making habitat piles in the wildlife area
- Making decorations from natural materials in our classroom

Equipment and props used:

- Sensory activity props
- Various natural plants, plant material and objects, both provided and found
- Thermos flask and home-made 'dormouse'
- Various small play items

Lunch

- Is taken at the Centre followed by,
- The Lunchtime Waste Challenge. We challenge the school to produce as little waste as possible from your packed lunches. We encourage all to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Safety All our activities and sites have undergone a risk benefit analysis. Risk Assessments and health and safety information can be downloaded at:

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/learning-about

Our staff student ratios vary depending on age and ability of the group and the activities booked. All our leaders are First Aid qualified

Clothing Please ensure that children are wearing warm outdoor clothing. Waterproof jacket, wellies or stout shoes are advisable for all visits

Behaviour Teachers are responsible for good behaviour, discipline & lunch time supervision

Medical Information Please let us know about any allergies, medical conditions or special needs. See booking form to enter details

Payment Please note you will be invoiced after your visit for the number of children on the day

Cancellation Please let us know as soon as possible if you have to cancel or if your numbers change significantly

Insurance Our Learning and Discovery Team is covered for £10m Public Liability Insurance. Please ensure that your school or LEA has appropriate insurance cover

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the session:

All children will, or will be able to:

- Understand the needs for life, including hibernation and staying warm in winter
- Use their senses as a means of investigating and exploration
- Have used props in an appropriate manner
- Have experimented and recorded results of tests carried out
- Understand some new concepts, words and phrases
- Made decorations from naturals
- Have had a fun and enjoyable day in the Peak District National Park

Most children will:

- Understand how plants and the natural world sustains life for us all
- Understand the importance of homes and shelters
- Understand the different between our seasons

Some children may also:

- Understand the links between the natural environment and our enjoyment of it

CURRICULUM LINKS

Literacy - children will be introduced to some technical terms and vocabulary and be encouraged to use and record words to describe their visit

Science - children will study *Life Processes, living things and their environment and humans and other animals*

English – the children will employ *listening skills and sustain concentration*

Citizenship - all activities involve teamwork, working out how and for what purpose we use the props

Thinking Skills - all activities promote independent enquiry, creative thinking, reflective learning, listening to others and making relevant comments, self-management and effective participation

Weather We will continue activities in all but the very worst weather so please make sure everyone comes prepared to be outside in the rain and/or cold!

Shelter is available at both venues

Every Child Matters All activities aim to cover the ECM outcomes of:

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution

Prior Learning It is not essential that any prior learning has been undertaken. A little knowledge of the Peak District National Park and special places would, though, be useful

Follow-up Work For all our activities we enjoy receiving post visit letters or pictures from children. Please send these to us at the address below. For further follow-up ideas and information, please see our website

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