

16th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from our letter dated 11th May regarding Reception's school trip this year, we will be visiting Paxton Pits Nature Reserve. The children will be taking part in educational activities all day, which will link to our Minibeast topic. Before we go on our trip, Paxton Pits have written a story for us to read with the children, which will include many animal characters that they will be finding throughout their day, such as The Otter, Captain Corax, and the Yellow Wagtail. Activities the children will take part in include:

Mystery Creature living around the ponds

Children visit the education centre garden, finding clues about one character from Tales of the Ouse Valley story. Children then pond dip to meet a variety of pond creatures.

Mystery Creature living along the Ouse Valley

Children follow the clues to the Great Meadow to discover the identity of another character from the story and learn about their habitat.

Mystery Creature living near Hayden Hide

Children follow the clues to help us discover the identity of another mystery character living on the Ouse Valley before birdwatching to see this creature from the bird hide.

Mystery Tree living in the basin

Children follow the clue trail to discover the identity of another mystery character from the story before log rolling to discover who is living under the logs that come from this tree, and hunting for minibeasts in a specialised area.

The activities are run by professionals who work at the Education Centre, and the trip will provide children with a fantastic knowledge and understanding for us to continue with our minibeast topic. This is all included in the cost of the trip, along with travel.

In addition, we ask for children to wear long trousers or tights on the school trip as advised by the Education Centre at Paxton Pits itself. Trousers and tights will ensure children do not get stung by nettles or bitten.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Latimer

Early Years Foundation Stage Teacher