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Priory Country Park for Key Stage 2

Suitable for Wildlife Trust-led and self-led visits

Objectives:

Learning

Students will learn about a wide variety of different plants and animals and develop new skills to find and identify them using field equipment and identification keys. They will find out about different animals in different habitats, how they are suited to their particular environment as well as the relationships between them using food chains. They all also discover why wildlife and the environment need protection and how they can help.

Behavioural

Children will leave at the end of the day wanting to care better for wildlife in their garden or school grounds. They will develop a sense of care for the environment as well as being able to review their discoveries and communicate them to others.

Emotional

Students will learn to treat all wildlife with care and sensitivity and appreciate that all wildlife in their gardens and on nature reserves is important.



Programme:

This programme is designed for a maximum group size of 60 children but they will work in groups of approximately 15 students on the different activities. We ask that teachers organise children into groups of 15 before arrival. Groups are asked to arrive at about 9.30am and arrange for collection at 2.30pm.

The groups will circulate around 3 different activities: Pond dipping, Minibeasts and a Really Wild Walk and finish the day by coming together for the final roundup.

Pond dip (1hour)

This session introduces your class to the creatures of the deep that live in the Priory Country Park pond. Students will discover and explore the different adaptations used by different creatures in order to survive under the water.

Minibeasts (1hour)

This session explores variety of minibeasts found in the country park. Students will hunt for minibeasts using three different techniques: log-rolling, sweep-netting and tree-shaking. They will be encouraged to share their findings with their classmates throughout the session. The students will investigate and compare the creatures found in these different habitat and find out about their life cycles and adaptations to living there.

Lunch (1hour)

Really Wild Walk (1hour)

Venture around Priory Country and discover the birds and other wildlife that live there. The walk includes interactive games and activities to immerse your class in the natural world around them.

Wildlife Trust round-up (15minutes)

Plenary and evaluation session



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