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## **Behind the Scenes....**

Suitable for Key Stage 1 students visiting Randalls Farm.

### **Description:**

Beneath the calm surface of the pond and amongst the gently swaying grasses of the meadow an army of creatures are working to look after this beautiful nature reserve. Take your class on a 'behind the scenes' experience to meet the many characters that live here and discover the amazing stories they have to tell.

### **Objectives:**

#### Learning

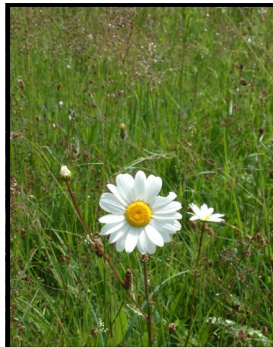
Children will find out about the different animals that live on the nature reserve and develop new skills to help them find and identify them. They will find out about the different stage of development that some creatures go through in their life cycle and be introduced to the concept that creatures use camouflage to avoid being eaten by predators.

#### 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 9.45am and arrange for collection at 2.30pm.

The four groups will circulate around 3 different activities: Pond explorers, Meadow Mayhem and Woodland Wonders and finish the day with a session making a souvenir of their visit and coming together for the final round-up.

#### Introduction (15 minutes)

#### Pond explorers (1 hour)

This session introduces your class to the creatures of the deep that live in the Randalls Farm pond. Children are invited to follow the adventures of one of the pond creatures as they explore their home and meet other characters along the way. Students will learn about the life cycles in the pond and will have a brief introduction to adaptations.

#### Meadow Mayhem (1 hour)

This session explores wildlife of the grassy meadows on the nature reserve. Students will hunt for minibeasts with sweep nets and explore the hay piles on the reserve. The wildlife they find will be brought to life in a story told with puppets and a game to introduce camouflage.



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Lunch (1 hour)

Woodland wonders (1 hour)

Meet the trees of the Randalls Farm wood and look for the creatures that live here using a number of different techniques.

Time for souvenirs (15 minutes)

The day will finish with the opportunity for each child to make their own individual piece of natural art to take home with them.

Wildlife Trust round-up (15 minutes)

Contact details

For more details on this and other Wildlife Trust programmes for schools in Bedfordshire please contact...

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