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Dear Parents/Carers of Birch Class,

Birch Class Visit to Nower Wood Nature Reserve – Thursday 29th February 2024

Next term, the children in Reception are going to be reading 'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and 'My Pet Goldfish' by Catherine Rayner. They will be learning about wild animals, habitats – including pond habitats, life cycles of goldfish and how to care and be both responsible and respectful of the natural environment.

With this in mind, we have booked an exciting trip for the children, to visit Nower Wood Nature Reserve. Mill Way, Leatherhead, KT22 8QA. The children will be taking part in three educational sessions, which includes a sensory trail, a minibeasts workshop and pond dipping.

The trip will take place on **Thursday 29th February 2024**. We shall be travelling via the school minibus and will be leaving school at approximately 9:00am, please make sure that you arrive at school in time, as the centre is a 40-minute drive away and our first session starts at 10am. If your child uses a booster seat and you would like them to use one on the minibus, please drop it to Reception class when you drop them off and stick a label with their name on it please. This is your choice and they do not need to use a booster seat. We will be returning to school for a normal pickup time of 3:15pm. Should this change on the day, we will alert you via Schoolcomms.

The children should wear a full school uniform, with a waterproof coat and a hat and gloves if it is a cold day, as most of the trip is based outside. We will put the children in their waterproof suit and wellington boots before we leave. The Centre is nut-free and the children will need a healthy packed lunch, with a refillable drinking bottle. Your child will be required to carry their own lunch on the day and a small backpack for this would be ideal.

The centre have advised that like with all woodland areas, there is a small risk that we could pick up a tick during our day. Please can you do a simple 'tick-check' when your child returns home at the end of the day. Should a tick be found, they can be safely removed with a tick twister at home. The centre have provided us with a tick information sheet, which I have attached.

The cost of the trip is £10, which includes entry into Nower Wood Nature Reserve, plus three specialist workshops and transport to and from the venue. Please pay via School Gateway app, under the payment 'Birch Trip to Nower Wood Nature Reserve'. Please pay in full by **Monday 26th February 2024**.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Craft
Birch Class Teacher