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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce an upcoming educational adventure for our EYFS/Y1 pupils! Our department has planned a science trip to The Woodland Adventures in the Attenborough Arboretum (a part of the Botanic Gardens). This trip promises to be both fun and educational, providing our pupils with valuable learning experiences outside the classroom.

We will be taking our Y1 pupils on Tuesday 18th June, and EYFS on Wednesday 19th June. We will be leaving school around 9:15am, and return before pick up time. Children will need to bring a packed lunch on the day of their trip, unless you wish to pre order a school packed lunch. If you do, please email <u>admin@rhf.learnat.uk</u> by 11th June with your child's preferred option of cheese or ham sandwich. They will need to wear their school uniform and bring a small backpack to carry their lunch, snack and drink.

To enable this trip to go ahead, we are kindly requesting a contribution of $\pounds 11.65$ per child. This has been set up on ParentPay and assigned to your child.

Year 1 Woodland Adventures activities will be Parts of Plants where children will collect natural materials to make exciting tree sculptures and label the parts of the plant.

In the second activity, Year 1 children will explore Trees, parts of trees, their functions, uses, and seasonal changes. Outside, children will identify nine trees using simple keys. The children will choose a tree for a particular study and make its 'passport', take measurements, and make leaf and bark rubbings.

The EYFS children will immerse themselves into the storytelling of The Smartest Giant in Town and will be led on a trail around the Arboretum and find the places and items.



Match socks, put belts in size order, find natural materials bigger than a giant's foot, make a simple boat and test to see if it floats, and make a special crown for the kind giant.

In the second part of their day, EYFS children will be introduced to mini-beasts and their habitats. The children will learn about some lifecycles and introduce food chains at the appropriate level. Children will work in small groups led by an adult, and they will hunt for mini beasts in the Arboretum. Each group will receive a 'mini beasts collecting kit'. This includes bug pots, petri dishes, and magnifying glasses.

We are very much looking forward to these exciting trips and hope your child will learn a lot and enjoy themselves, but if you have any questions, please get in touch.

Many thanks,

EYFS/Y1 Department



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