



23rd February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Cohort 7 visit to Marks Hall; Tuesday 21st March 2023

As part of our Enrichment programme, we are delighted to be able to offer an exciting experience for your child at Marks Hall Arboretum. We have worked closely with Marks Hall over the years and the varied habitats and learning on our doorstep is a wonderful learning environment for the children.

The children will walk from school to Marks Hall, leaving school just after registration. They will then take part in learning activities, using orienteering skills which they will learn during Learning Session 5 in school. Moving as a Learning Group with adult supervision and Cohort 10 learners supporting, they will visit three different activities out of four, on the grounds of Marks Hall. These include:

- Art -** Making use of the outdoor environment for inspiration, the Marks Hall walled garden and Honywood Oak.
- English/History -** Marks Hall has a rich history dating back to 1163. The Honywood family, its place in the Domesday Book and how it was utilised during the Second World War. The learners will embark on a creative writing activity, using the history of Marks Hall as an inspiration.
- Science/Geography -** The varied flora and fauna in Marks Hall provides rich learning for scientists and geographers, with a visit to the Gondwanaland; the showcase for Southern Hemisphere species of plants.
- Bushcraft/Den building -** Team building as the children build their own dens using materials around them.


The learners will be asked to wear their PE kit and to bring a rain coat in case the weather is less favourable and/or a hat if the weather is warm. They will need to bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink for the day. We have been allocated the Coach House at Marks Hall for lunch and as a base for the day. Children should bring a back pack with a pencil case. They will NOT require their iPads for the day and so these should be left at home.

We will walk back to school for the end of the school day. There is no charge for this day out as Marks Hall has donated the use of their grounds to the school for this activity. Could you please indicate on ParentPay your permission for your child to take part in the offsite activities planned for the day by Friday 17th March 2023.

For information regarding our insurance cover for trips and visits, please follow the link to our website: <https://www.honywoodschool.com/page/?title=insurance&pid=135>

We hope that your child has an enjoyable educational experience. Should you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Frogley, Enrichment Leader, at the school.

Yours faithfully,


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