



13th July 2018

Dear Parents

RSPB Old Moor Trip

On Monday, we visited RSPB Old Moor in Barnsley to explore the nature reserve and investigate mini beasts and their habitats. The children enjoyed pond dipping and identifying the mini beasts, they collected using specialist equipment and resources. They were surprised to find a Diving Beetle, water



Mite, water Boatman and a Harvestman. We were so impressed at their perseverance and ambition to succeed. In the meadow, the children swooped a large net in the air to collect butterflies and in the woods, they carefully brushed mini beasts into their 'bug collector' pot and compared them to the images on the identification sheet.

Literacy Development

This week, the children have concentrated on creating a book of their trip including a front cover, contents page, photos, drawings of the bus, mini beasts and equipment and descriptive sentences of their experiences of RSPB Old Moor. We are hoping to send a copy of this to John who led the workshops on our trip and keep the original in our reading area for others to enjoy.

The children have also been re-enacting their experiences of RSPB Old Moor in the outdoor construction area and using the light plate to trace the variety of mini beast images on the identification sheet. We have also been practising for our end of year celebration assembly. We cannot wait to show you on Monday 16th July at 9.15am.



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To return to school

Please return all folders including reading books, library books, reading diaries, pocket sound phonics books (green and yellow) and blue action word homework books by Tuesday 17th July 2018. Many thanks for your co-operation with this!

We look forward to seeing you all at our very special celebration assembly on **Monday 16th July at 9.15am.**

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to cherishing our last week with the children.

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars and Mrs Ward.

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