



Birches First School

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20th April 2023

Year 4 River studies – The Wolseley Centre-Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Dear Parents,

We have been studying all about Rivers and Canals in our Geography lessons. To help facilitate the children's knowledge of these units we have managed to arrange a trip to the Wolseley centre on Wednesday 3rd May.

We shall be travelling to the trip via coach and spend the day using a **scientific** framework, to compare and contrast the physical geography of the River Trent and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's Swan Lake. Children will be introduced to river landforms and processes before completing hands-on fieldwork. Throughout the day they will produce field sketches, devise a study to measure velocity, and collect and record various data from the river and lake. They will also pond dip and kick sample to identify species living in freshwater habitats. Children will have the opportunity to look at the land surrounding the river to base a discussion on land use, flood risks, pollution, and historical use of rivers.

We will depart from school at 9.00am to get to the Wolseley Centre for around 9.35am and leave the centre around 2.15pm to get back to school for 3pm. **Children will need to arrive at school by 8:30am for a prompt 9.00am start.** Please ensure that your child comes to school in their uniform. Most of the day will be spent outside whatever the weather and to get the most out of the day children will need to be suitably dressed. Below is a list we suggest children to wear:

- Warm waterproof coat.
- Wellies, walking shoes/strong trainers.
- Trousers (Summer dresses/skirts are not appropriate as children could get cold or stung).
- Sun hat if it is warm.
- Have a spare set of clothes in case they get wet.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink in a **named** carrier bag. Please ensure all packaging can be thrown away including drinks bottles, as **everything** will be disposed of. Please only send a suitable amount of food for the trip.

The cost of the Trip is £23, this includes the entrance fee for all activities during the day and coach transfers. Payment for the visit is to be made through ParentPay. When you make the payment, you are giving permission for your child to attend the trip.

We look forward to an enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hill

Year 4 Teacher