

# Educational Visits & Outdoor Learning November 2016



## Nursery Visit to Wroxton

The Nursery children had the opportunity to explore the woods in Wroxton College. Activities at Wroxton included: climbing trees; looking at leaves; rolling down small hills and hiding themselves in leaves.

Esha enjoyed hiding next to trees. Brandon said he climbed on the tree like Bear Grylls! Georgia liked walking in the leaves.

## Year 1 Visit to the Church

Year 1 met the Reverend Sue at the church to learn about Christianity as a part of their RE Curriculum.

Khadijah and Luke explained that they had asked lots of questions. Khadijah asked about the colours of the cloak worn by the Reverend Sue. Khadijah explained that the different colours represent different times in year.

They all looked at the Remembrance displays in the church and asked questions about this.

The children enjoyed listening to the Reverend Sue play the organ.

## Year 5/6 Visit to Stratford Butterfly Farm

Whilst the other members of the Upper Junior Department were on residential in Stackpole, Year 5 and 6 visited Stratford Butterfly Farm as a part of a week's topic on butterflies and insects.

Isabelle, Daisy and Amelie shared that they had seen Giant Atlas Moths, Iguanas, and Stick Insects. They also learned about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Amanda was very nervous about going into the area where the butterflies fly freely, but managed to conquer her fears and complete the journey around.

On return to school the children continued the theme, even making butterfly cakes to sell on the Friday in aid of Children In Need.

## Year 4 Dance Festival at Banbury Academy

Half of Year 4 travelled to Banbury Academy to take part in a dance festival. The other half of Year 4 completed a dance morning led by Mrs Lacey back at school.

Mohammed Esa and Kieran stated that Year 8 Young Leaders taught them a dance routine to Cheap Thrills by Sia. After they had learned and practiced the routine, they then performed the dance to other primary schools who also attended the festival.

Mohammed Esa found that the dance stretched his body a lot and Kieran enjoyed moving to the beat.

Both agreed that they were a little scared when they were waiting to perform, but after a few steps the nervous melted away.

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## Reception Class' visit to the Church and Mosque

Reception class visited the church and the mosque to look at features of religious places. This is a part of the Understanding the world early learning goal.

Abdul said that in the church he saw where babies have water on their heads and that he saw a statue of Mary and Jesus and they were frozen!

Mikayla said that in the mosque she saw the different places where the boys and girls pray.

## Key Stage 2 Pantomime Trip

Forty five pupils from Key Stage 2 went to Chipping Norton Theatre to see the production of Robinson Crusoe.

The production was fantastic and the children enjoyed the audience participation parts of the show. They particularly enjoyed booing the villain the Pirate Queen!

Aaminah thought the costumes were fantastic and her favourite character was the Pantomime Dame, Robinson Crusoe's Mum. Maryam enjoyed the part where chocolate coins were thrown out into the audience—even though on this occasion she did not catch any.

It was lovely to see the children watch a live theatre production—so much so, we have booked tickets to see a West End Show in July.... Information will be sent out in January..... Watch this Space!

## Year 5 and 6 residential to Stackpole

Thirty Year 5 and 6 pupils went on a five day residential to Stackpole in Pembrokeshire. Although the weather was wet and very windy the children had a fantastic time.

Children had the opportunity to canoe, rock climb, mountain bike and complete a coastal walk. Whilst on their walk the children saw Barafundle way, which is one of the top 10 beaches in the UK. Hari said it was a beautiful beach and very quiet, due to the time of year and the weather. The children also saw lots of crabs when they went rock pooling.

All the children used these activities and other learning to complete the John Muir award.

Hassan enjoyed mountain biking as he got to go up and down steep hills.

Hari enjoyed canoeing, as it was very challenging as there were some big waves.

## Key Stage 2 Visit to the Church to take part in a Holy Communion Service

On two subsequent Wednesday's, Year 3,4,5 and 6 children went to the church to join the congregation at the 10am service.

The Reverend Sue explained what each part of the service meant and what it symbolised.

Tyler thought that praying was a good thing as you can speak to God.

Jessica discovered that the wine represents the blood of Jesus and the bread is the body of Jesus.