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Year R - Enrichment Opportunities

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are very excited to tell you about three topic learning opportunities in the Spring and Summer terms. In early Spring, the children will be learning all about 'Under the Sea' and in early Summer they will be learning about traditional tales including farm animals, and finally ending their Year R learning with our Minibeasts topic.

To immerse the children in their learning, encourage talk and fully capture their imagination and thirst to learn more we will be visiting the local aquarium (Blue Reef) in Southsea, a farm (Longdown Activity Farm) near Southampton and the Cumberland House Butterfly Museum in Southsea.

Children who have visited these activities in previous years have loved the chance to explore and learn from real life and hands on experiences which support and develop their communication, knowledge and understanding and thirst for wanting to learn more.



The dates for the trips are: Blue Reef Aquarium -8^{th} January 2024 Longdown Activity Farm -17^{th} April 2024 Cumberland House Butterfly Museum -5^{th} and 6^{th} June 2024 (2 classes each day)

We have negotiated the best possible prices that we are able to however there is a cost involved to include entry fees and transport and we are kindly asking for a contribution towards these costs.

So that each activity can be budgeted for, we are giving you advance warning of these learning and enrichment opportunities to allow families to make payment either in full or in instalments via SCOPAY. **Please login to your SCOPAY account to make any contributions**. If you do not have a SCOPAY account please contact the school office to get a registration code to make your contribution/s.

Please refer to the following table for costings:

Name of Trip	Coach (£) Costing from Coach Company	Entrance Fee (£)	Total per trip	Cost of trip per child
Diwali Dance Workshop (in school)	£0	N/A	£0	£0
Longdown Farm Ashurst (Southampton)	£1545	£1265 (£11.00 per child)	£2810	£24.44
Blue Reef (Southsea)	£450	£747.50 (£6.50 per child)	£1197.50	£10.41
Cumberland House Butterfly Museum (Southsea)	£800	£0	£800	£6.96
Year R - Total Cost Per Child for 2023-2024				£41.81

We look forward to receiving your contribution but do need to point out that unfortunately if we do not receive sufficient contributions these opportunities will not be able to take place.

Further information with details about the visits, including a reminder of the voluntary contribution and consent forms will be provided nearer the time.

If you have any queries please speak with your child's class teacher.

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs ML Thomas, Miss Houghton, Miss Hussey and Miss Brown Year R Teachers