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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to inform you that the children will be visiting **Burnham Beeches on Tuesday 10th November 2026** as part of our learning about woodlands, seasonal changes and the natural world.

We will be travelling to and from Burnham Beeches in the school minibuses. To ensure that all children can enjoy the experience, the class will be split into two groups:

- **First half of the class:** 9:30 am – 10:30 am
- **Second half of the class:** 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

What will we be learning?

Our visit will link closely to our current topic, where we will be exploring the following questions:

- What does a woodland look like in different seasons, particularly autumn and winter?
- Why are woodlands important for animals and people?
- How do trees, plants and animals change as the seasons change?

During our visit, the children will have the opportunity to explore the woodland environment and observe the seasonal changes taking place around them. They will look closely at the trees, leaves, plants and natural materials, noticing the colours, textures and features of autumn as we move towards winter. We will also discuss how woodland habitats provide food, shelter and protection for a variety of animals and why it is important for us to look after these special environments.

A bear hunt adventure!

We will also be linking our visit to the much-loved story We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. The children will take part in their very own woodland bear hunt, bringing the story to life as they explore the different sights, sounds and textures of the woodland.

Just like the characters in the story, we will imagine that we are going on an adventure, looking out for different natural features and using our senses to experience the

environment around us. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to develop the children's imagination, language and descriptive vocabulary.

Links to our curriculum

Our trip will support learning across several areas of the curriculum:

- **Understanding the World:** Observing seasonal changes, exploring woodland habitats and learning about the needs of animals and plants.
- **Literacy:** Bringing We're Going on a Bear Hunt to life, retelling the story, developing vocabulary and using descriptive language.
- **Communication and Language:** Talking about what we can see, hear and feel, asking questions and sharing our observations.
- **Mathematics:** Comparing the sizes, shapes and quantities of natural objects and using positional language as we explore.
- **Physical Development:** Walking through the woodland, negotiating uneven surfaces and developing balance and coordination.
- **Expressive Arts and Design:** Using our imaginations to recreate parts of the story and exploring the colours, patterns and textures found in nature.
- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** Working together, taking turns, following instructions and developing confidence when exploring a new environment.

What does your child need to bring?

As we will be spending time outdoors, please ensure your child comes prepared for the weather. In particular, your child will need:

- A **warm, waterproof coat**
- A **water bottle**
- **Wellies** suitable for walking in the woodland
- Make sure your child comes in **PE kit.**

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, as the woodland may be muddy, wet and cold in November.

We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable visit, giving the children the opportunity to explore nature, develop their understanding of the changing seasons and bring our learning about We're Going on a Bear Hunt to life.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The Reception Team