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Dear Parent/Carer

Topic Events - Spring 2024 - Years 3 and 4 Amazing Americas

As part of our topic, 'Amazing Americas', Years 3 and 4 will have a lot of exciting events happening.

Visit to Tilgate Nature Centre - Thursday 25th January



This is a new trip this year for our topic Amazing Americas. We will be visiting Tilgate Nature Centre on Thursday 25th January. This valuable educational visit will provide the children with a greater understanding of adaptation and will also approach the topic of deforestation. We will also have the opportunity to handle some animals. The children will be taking part in workshops, exploring the woods, and recording any animals, plants and living organisms we find. This will inform our future

learning of comparing the Amazonian forest to a forest near us (Tilgate Forest). The trip will really enhance the children's understanding of their topic.

We will need to set off at 9:00am sharp and would ask that all children are in school by **8:50am** at the latest please. We will arrive back towards the end of the school day. Children will need a packed lunch as we are off site so please amend your order on Parentpay to cancel any hot meals booked. Children are also encouraged to bring plenty to drink in a non-breakable container (no cans/glass bottles please), and a piece of fruit from home for a morning snack. We will be wearing school uniform for this trip, but please wear a suitable weatherproof coat and sturdy footwear as part of the day will be outside.

If your child needs medication for travelling please contact the office before the trip takes place so the necessary consent forms can be signed.

The children **do not need to bring any money** with them as we will not be visiting the gift shop on site.

Zoolab Visitors – Thursday 1st February



To further support the children's learning about rainforest habitats and deforestation, 'Zoolab' will be coming into school on Thursday 1st February. Zoolab's intrepid Ranger will take the children on an exciting journey through the Rainforest's important ecosystem. The children will learn about the layers of the Rainforest while getting



hands-on with some very special 'friends'. The children will be able to learn about the life in the steamy tropics and why they are coming under threat.



Wow Day - Wild West Experience – Tuesday 12th March



To celebrate our topic, we will be holding a Wow Day on Tuesday 12th March. We would like the children to come to school dressed in appropriate Western gear – checked shirts, jeans, Stetsons, cowboy boots etc.

In the morning, the children will engage in creative activities linked to our topic.

In the afternoon, the children will be line dancing with the lovely BEEFIT Tina, who will be teaching them steps and a routine fitting for the Wild West!



We invite you to come and join us at 3:00pm to see our dancing!

To help towards the cost of these events, we would ask for a voluntary contribution of **£28.50** per child. Visits and visitors really enhance the curriculum for the children and we would love all the children to be able to participate. Sadly, if we don't receive sufficient contributions, we may not be able to go ahead with some or all of the events. If you have any difficulty with making the contribution, please speak to your child's teacher, the school office, or Mr Andrews in confidence.

sQuid has been set up allowing for instalments to be made, rather than having to pay the full amount in one go, as we appreciate there are often a lot of demands on your wallet at the start of a term, even more so if you have more than one child in education.

Your payment will include contributions towards:

Trip (25th January) – Workshops and entry at Tilgate Nature Centre, coach travel and insurance

Zoolab (1st February) – Animal handling workshops

Wow Day (12th March) – creative sessions and dance workshops - the Wow Day has been part funded by FUBS to lower the contribution amount from parents – thank you FUBS!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Stringer, Miss Underdown and Mr Marsh

