



# Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

As part of our topic 'Wild Wonderful Minibeasts', we have arranged a visit to **RSPB Pulborough Brooks** on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. RSPB Pulborough Brooks offers the children a very exciting and educational experience including the opportunity to go pond dipping and take part in a host of minibeast activities.



For the trip to RSPB Pulborough Brooks, children should wear their school uniform tops with jeans or jogging bottoms, and sturdy walking shoes or trainers (footwear must be comfortable to wear for the whole day). All children must have a waterproof coat, a sun hat, and have sun cream applied before they come into school. We will be outside for the whole of the day, so please ensure that the children have appropriate clothing. We intend to leave school after morning registration and will arrive back at school by the end of the school day.

All children will need a packed lunch on trip day 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.

In addition to our trip, we have booked **Zoolab** who will be bringing in a selection of interesting creatures which the children will be able to see, meet, and handle. They will be coming into school on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. Minibeasts have existed for around 550 million years and make up approximately 97% of creatures on Earth! In fact, the UK alone is home to 25,000 different species - these little creatures are quite a big deal. During ZooLab's workshop, children get a fun introduction to invertebrates and classification, and they get to question, investigate and learn about scientific discovery.



We have a host of other visitors also coming into school to further enhance this topic including **West End in Schools** who will be running a dance workshop for the children called Bringing Books to Life – The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and author **Cathy Watts** who will be running a "Woodies" day, both of which will be great fun.

We are also running our own minibeast experience to launch this topic, and will be growing and releasing our own butterflies during the term.



Advance notice: at the end of term as a grand finale to the topic, we will be hosting an "Ugly Bug Ball" so please start thinking of your child's costume for this event!



To help towards the cost of these events, we would ask for a voluntary contribution of **£31.00** 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 – workshops and entry to RSPB Pulborough Brooks, coach travel and insurance

West End in Schools – dance workshops Bringing Books to Life – The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Zoolab – meet the creatures! This Wow Day has been part funded by FUBS to lower the contribution amount from parents – thank you FUBS!

Cathy Watts – Woodies Day

Grow your own butterflies



Many regards,

Mrs Gilpin, Miss Whyte and Mrs Duguid

