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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

## Workshops for Years 1 - 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have organised for the 'Active Outdoor Discovery' group to visit us on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

The children will start the day by taking part in an interactive 'Rainforest' themed assembly which will follow a group of children who took part an expedition to Borneo exploring native animals and their habitats.

This will be followed by an individual class "Map Skills" session for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The "Map Skills and Mini-Orienteering" session will include the following elements:

- Looking at what information we can get from Ordnance Survey maps – what the colours and symbols mean, the map's grid, contours and the concept of scale;
- Making a huge map from climbing ropes on the playground with children acting as locations to look at compass directions [KS1] or getting some compasses out and learning how to set a simple bearing and finding out how to locate North without a compass [KS2];
- Seeing how we can measure distance by counting paces and use this as a giant ruler;
- Taking part in a mini-orienteeing challenge – using a specially drawn map of the school, the children use their new skills to find as many hidden flags as they can!

To help cover the cost of these sessions, we are asking all families to make a voluntary contribution of **£3.50 per child**.

We rely on these contributions to part-fund our workshops and trips which all help to reinforce our pupils' learning. We may be unable to plan future visits and visitors without your support.

Please pay any donations on **[www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk)** selecting "**Active Outdoor Discovery**".

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ellis  
Geography Subject Leader/Assistant Headteacher