

Pinkery based Geographical and Environmental Study.

We will be leaving school around 9.30am and driving the short distance to the Pinkery Centre. We will be using our School bus to do two trips or the Pinkery will come with their bus to help out.

The children will need clothes suitable for working outdoors. However, they will need to carry their own equipment, so it must be compact enough to fit in a rucksack type bag.

We will be walking on Exmoor so the children will need either wellies which fit well (with thick socks) or walking boots. Past experience has shown us that wellies are essential if it is wet.

The children will be staying in bedrooms of between 4 and 6 children, separated into two wings. One for girls and the female staff and one for the boys and the male staff. The children can need to bring a sleeping bag and a pillow cover.

On arrival the children will walk up the path to the Pinkery Centre. The Rangers will give them the 'National Park' talk, introducing them to the area and giving them background to the work we will be undertaking. They will discuss the rules of the building, Fire Alarm, bedrooms etc. and how the Pinkery Centre is 'off the grid'.

After the walk, talk and bedroom orientation the children will fuel up, eating the packed lunch they have brought with them from home.

The afternoon will be spent examining the environment around the Pinkery and comparing it to environments the children already know, like the beach. To examine the environment around Pinkery the children will experience a spotter walk with Ranger. He looks out for plants and animals and asks environmental and geographical based questions: Why does it grow up here? Or why doesn't it! We will look at the topography of the area. What's north? We will identify the streams feeding the oceans and go to the blanket Bog beyond Pinkery Pond near Woodbarrow - There is the potential to get wet feet and covered in mud!

This activity will finish around 3.30 to 4pm and we will have a snack when we get back to the centre in the common room.

Dinner will be at 5.30pm.

The kitchen is available to us for the duration of our visit. This year we have decided to reduce cost to parents by catering the visit ourselves. Our kitchen manager will work with the children to produce a menu for the visit. The staff, with hopefully some volunteers, will cook the evening meal. Breakfast will be cereal and toast and for lunch the children will make sandwiches. There will also be snacks and an evening hot chocolate.

After the meal is tidied up the children will work on their Journals, documenting the day, and then play board games. As an evening snack the children can bring a small cake to share with some friends.

The children will be in their rooms for 8.30pm and lights will go out between 8.45 and 9pm.

In the morning the children will stay in their rooms, reading, until they are asked to go for breakfast. There will be a room inspection. The Y3 children will pack their bag as we will have to vacate the rooms by 11am.

Breakfast will be at 8am and will be cereal and toast.

Day 2 activities will centre around being a geographer... asking and answering questions.

The activities for the rest of the day will include;

Rocks and river

- Stream dipping and exploring
- Measuring the quality of the water
- Measuring the flow, depth and width of the stream
- What contaminates water
- Building a dam
- Measuring bed rocks looking at the composition of rocks on Exmoor.

The children will have a provided packed lunch. After lunch we will have two sessions running at the same time. This will be a team building low ropes session and an orienteering session.

After this session the children will be brought back to school for the end of the school day.

The Y5 children will complete work on the John Muir Award. John Muir is the Founding Father of National Parks. The award comprises of 4 elements. Some of which will be started at school.

To achieve the award the children have to discover a wild place. This will be somewhere on Exmoor. They will explore the area and complete a conservation task. The children will then complete a sharing project back at school. The children will present a parents evening and share the work they have done with Y2 - who will be going to the Pinkery Centre in Year 3.

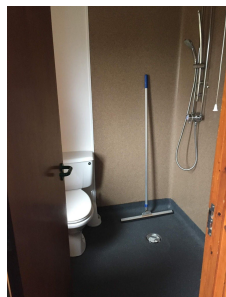
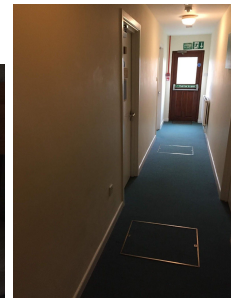
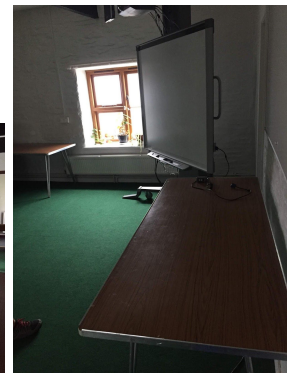
In the evenings Y5 will be working on their award booklets and Sea School journals. They will be undertaking activities at school and at the Pinkery such as creating maps and designing a key for the area. They will be looking closely at what's different on Exmoor compared to Combe Martin. Their conservation activity will be prepared by the centre and it will be dependant on the weather.

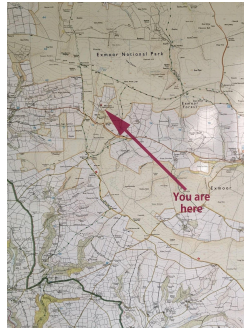
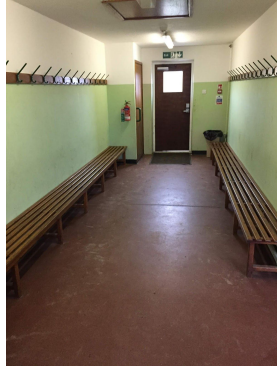
The Year 5 children will follow this pattern for the sessions they are at Pinkery over the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and follow the same outline as the Y3 for their meals and evening activities. There will be an additional walk to answer specific questions generated over the preceding day.

Please read the material on 'Why pay voluntary contributions' when deciding if you will fully support this provision. It can be found here

<https://combemartin-sch.org/why-pay-voluntary-contributions/>

If your child is in receipt of free school meals then we may be able to help you gain financial assistance - please ask.





A basic kit list

It is going to be chilly. Working outdoors is no fun if you are cold and wet. We suggest 3 complete changes of clothes. If you do not pack enough warm clothes your child will have to go outdoors in wet clothes. There is a boot / drying room for clothes and shoes.

Jumpers

TShirts

Long sleeved T-Shirt

Trousers or joggers

Waterproof trousers

Waterproof Coat

Gloves

Hat

Buff or Scarf

Wellies complete with at least 2 pairs of thick socks. Please make sure you can get the wellies / boots on with a thin pair of socks and a thick pair of socks.

For the evenings:

The children will be indoors for the evenings. Once back from the activities they can change into joggers or PJs or onsies etc. They will need slippers or indoor soft shoes.

Cleaning up!

Basic cleaning kit is needed.

Towel, face cloth etc

Toothbrush, toothpaste