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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to inform you that Lions class have been selected to take part in an outdoor learning project alongside The Heart of England Forest. Back in the summer term, I applied for us to become one of five schools in the Worcestershire area who would work on this project, and last week, I was informed that we have been selected! This is a really exciting opportunity, which will help our pupils to learn about the natural world and connect with nature.

The Heart of England Forest is an exciting and ambitious charity, and this project aims to foster deep, lasting connections with nature among young people in Worcestershire, by delivering a comprehensive nature-connectedness programme. Nature connectedness is about our relationship with nature, not just about time spent in nature: It's about how we think about, feel about, and experience nature. When people, especially young people, feel connected to nature, they are more likely to care for the environment, adopt sustainable behaviours, and experience personal well-being benefits, such as reduced stress and increased happiness.

Our Lions class will benefit from 3 visits to Gorcott Hill Outdoor Education Centre in Redditch across the year. On these days, they will complete activities linked to the national curriculum objectives led by qualified teachers and outdoor learning experts. These sessions will be as follows:

- Autumn term: Art and nature (Art focus) Friday 7th November 2025
- Spring term: Map skills and exploration (Geography focus) Friday 30th January 2026
- Summer term: Living things and their habitats (Science focus) Friday 17th April 2026

Mr Parker will be in touch closer to the time of our first visit in November, to provide further information about the visits, including clothing needed etc.

I'm sure you will agree, this is a fantastic opportunity for our Lions class and that they will really enjoy these experiences.

Kind Regards

S. Baker

Mrs S Baker
Headteacher



HOPE



TRUST



JUSTICE



FORGIVENESS



HUMILITY



RESILIENCE