



Year 2 Residential - Nell Bank

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have run the Year 2 residential for 2 years now and they have been so successful that we booked the visit again for February 2025!

As part of our work around habitats and animals, we are going on a one-night residential trip to Nell Bank. Nell Bank is a local outdoor education centre, which offers a range of exciting curriculum linked programmes. Sitting in 25 acres of enclosed green space, Nell Bank feels remote and rural but is still very accessible. They have so many activity areas and every corner of the site has something exciting to discover. We were amazed ourselves when we went last year.

Children will be given opportunities to use the natural environment to scaffold their learning from the classroom about plants, animals and habitats. Using each of their senses to explore the wide variety of habitats at Nell Bank and learn first-hand how animals use them to find food, water and shelter to survive in the wild. They will go on exciting woodland trails, enjoy entertainment in the amphitheatre, a fish and chip supper (children can also choose sausage and chips or chicken nuggets and chips – a menu will come out later in the year) and time to snuggle down for a story with hot chocolate and a biscuit before bed. A residential at Nell Bank provides both high quality learning experiences and opportunities for personal and social development.

It will be a wonderful bespoke trip that will encourage independence, resilience confidence and fun!

Please visit Nell Bank's website to find out more information and have a look at their facilities (3D tours and videos).

<https://www.nellbank.org/>

**Date: 6th - 7th February 2025 (Baird and Berners Lee A)
10th - 11th February 2025 (Bell and Berners Lee B)**

Activities: Scavenger Hunt, Animal Senses, Woodland Trail, Owl Babies, Storytelling, Adventure Playground Games and much more.

Price: £60 to include 1-night accommodation, all food, a full programme of activities with qualified instructors and transport.

Deposit: £30, non-refundable, deposit to secure a place paid by Monday 4th November 2024. Then the remaining £30 must be paid before or by **Wednesday 8th January 2025**. Please contact the office if you have any difficulty with these payments.

As soon as we arrive at Nell Bank at 12oclock, children will eat their packed lunch. This lunch can either be provided by the school kitchen, as part of the universal free school meal offer, or children may bring their own from home. If you would like to order a packed lunch for your child, please do so using the form attached to the arbor message. Should you wish to provide your own packed lunch on the day of the visit, please ensure they do not contain any nuts, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks.

We will return the following day at 12:00. This year we are asking parents to collect their child when we return at 12:00, simply because the children were so tired and they found the afternoon hard work – all they wanted to do was go home!

Once we know the final numbers for this visit (we hope all 83 children will be attending) Miss Smith will inform parents of children in Berners Lee class which group they will be in, so parents know which date they are going.

Below is a Kit List provided by Nell Bank. If your child hasn't got a sleeping bag, they could always add one to their Christmas list?

Kit List

Children to come to school in warm weather clothes and trainers.

Overnight Bag (small enough for child to carry):

hat	waterproof coat	wellies (in a plastic bag)
scarf	lunch (if not provided by school)	
gloves	Jumper/Fleece x2	Hairbrush and bobble
waterproof trousers	Socks x4	Pack of babywipes
Underwear x3	Towel	Pyjamas
Indoor shoes	Toothbrush	Sleeping Bag
Trousers/jogging bottoms x2	Toothpaste	Pillow (with cover on)
T-shirts x2		
Torch		

“First-hand experiences of learning outside the classroom can help to make subjects more vivid and interesting for pupils and enhance their understanding. It can also contribute significantly to pupils’ personal, social and emotional development.” Ofsted

Residential visits, organised by the school, form part of the National Curriculum. We would strongly recommend that all parents, make every effort to send their children. These experiences live long in the memory. I am sure that parents will recall their own such experiences from when they were at school.

There will be a meeting for parents in January, before the visit takes place. In this meeting we will go through the activities, tell you about the groupings for the dormitories and answer all your questions because we appreciate you may be anxious about your child staying away from home.

Payment and consent for the trip can be made in the trips section of Arbor.

More details about the trip will follow, nearer the time. If you have any questions regarding the visit, please contact Mrs O’Hara or Miss Smith.

Kind regards,

The Year 2 Team