A message from the Head of School...

The week all year 5 and 6’s have been out on their school trip exploring the outdoors at Woodmeadow. They have had a fabulous time building shelters, making fires and generally being in the woods. The following is a report from Ruby and Charlotte in Team Hawthorn

While been at Wood Meadows we were taught survival skills by Amber, who made them very clear to understand, we did many activities, including Shelter building, making bread, fire and nettle tea. One of our favourites is fire because we got to learn how to make one if we needed to survive also because at the end we got to each have a Marshmallow sandwich once we had finished. Another thing we enjoyed was the part where we got to feel like we were actually lost and know what it would feel like to be lost. First activity we did was going out exploring the land and questions about wildlife were hidden in random places. Each group had to go look for them by using a map, once they had found them you answer them and then either stamp it or put a sticker onto the piece of paper.

Next activity was den building, in our group we had to make the A zone for a little dolly called Sally and after making a miniature den out of twigs and leaves we made a real life sized den what we could all squeeze into. Everyone brought at least a couple large sticks to start the den, Amber helped us and explained that a stick that could particularly help make our den (A Y stick) that could hold up the den you would get a long Y stick and then slot other sticks into the top of the Y and that would be called the backbone and then lean over sticks on either side of the backbone, then our group collected lots of fern and bracken to cover over the den so that it would make shelter, Ella (our team mate) then decided that it would be good to get a log and make a carpet out of leaves for the inside.

Then we were sent out to get nettles and sticks for our nettle tea and fire. We were told to get sticks the size of a matchstick, a pencil and a thumb then we came back and separated them into their sizes.

Then we walked back to wash our hands before we made our bread. Amber gave clear instructions on how to make our bread, she handed out the dough and we would stretch it out then twizzle it around a stick and Amber made a fire for us to hold our bread over for it to cook. We found it really nice! Whilst others were filtering water by draining it from a sock, at the bottom of the sock is sand then hay then coal after we poured the water into the sock to make the water cleaner.

After that we had to make a fire in our group and we put Vaseline onto a tray with some cotton wool layered on top with sticks, Dylan made the fire and we got to have toasted marshmallows sandwich. They were delicious! Amber was an amazing leader!

Well done everyone Mrs Hayes-Smith

Dates for your Diary –

- **Tuesday 25th & 2nd July** – Bikeability training (Yr 5)
- **Thursday 27th June** – KS2 picnic and sports event (No more orders are being taken for this event)
- **Friday 28th June** – Training Day (school closed)
- **Friday 5th July** – Sports day KS1 - 9 am, KS2 - 1 pm
- **Friday 12th July** – BBQ in school (please return your slip if your child requires lunch on this day)
- **Thursday 18th July** – Last swimming lesson for Team Hazel
- **Thursday 18th July** – Yr 6 Leavers celebration 6 pm
- **Friday 19th July** – School closes at 12 pm

Please can we remind you that there are several children in our school with serious nut allergies. Therefore, we kindly ask that you are extra vigilant when sending in food from home.