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Dear Sapling and Maple Parents/Carers,

As part of our Science learning we have organised a trip to Westonbirt Arboretum. The day has been organised with an interactive session called "Marvellous Mini-beasts." In the session the children will learn about what a woodland habitat is like to live in. They will also learn how to find minibeasts in a variety of micro-habitats, identify them and their place in woodland food chains.

The trip will take place on **Wednesday 18th March**. In order for us to have time to fully experience this action-packed trip, we will leave school at 9.30am and we will be back at school by the end of the school day at 3.25pm. Children will be dismissed from the classroom as normal.

Children do not need to wear their school uniform and should wear comfortable clothes and shoes, appropriate to the weather, and will need to wear a waterproof coat. Westonbirt staff advise that children should have their legs covered, to minimise the risk of tick bites. Please check the weather and keep fingers crossed for a dry, sunny day!

All children will need a named water bottle and their own packed lunch. The children will be carrying their own bags so please ensure that they are not too large or heavy! We would suggest that children have a backpack type bag as this leaves their hands free. We will not have enough time to visit the gift shop so the children do not need to bring any spending money with them.

The trip requires a donation of £6.08 per child. This includes entry to the arboretum, the booked teaching sessions and the coach to and from Westonbirt. We are very grateful to FOSS for donating £200 to pay for the cost of coach. We cannot afford to run this brilliant trip without your support. Please make payment and give permission via ParentPay, by Friday 27th February.

Any financial contribution will be entirely voluntary, and your child will not be denied a place on the visit should you be unable to pay the contribution. However, the school will not proceed with the visit unless there are sufficient contributions for it to be financed.

We are really looking forward to this trip and are sure that the children will have a fantastic day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Yours faithfully,
Sophie Smith

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