## **Dear Parents**

## The Living Rainforest – Year 5

Year 5 were so excited to visit the Living Rainforest in Newbury last week. They came prepared with great background knowledge having studied the rainforests of the world this term. Year 5 children were fascinated by the plants and animals they observed in this unique recreated rainforest setting. They could experience the rainforest climate and humidity and understand how plants and animals survive in this ecosystem.

The children learned about animal and plant adaptations in a guided tour. Many different animals were seen, to name a few: monkeys, snakes, turtles, lizards, stick insects, birds of several species, tortoises, an armadillo, fish, spiders, and an alligator. Hiding away in the branches of the taller trees was a sloth called Cinnamon. As expected, it was fast asleep.

A big thank you to our parent helpers who helped make the trip run very smoothly - Mr Cooney, Mrs Towner, Mrs Rakowicz and Mrs Ford.

Quotes about the trip:

"It was great fun to see wildlife and plants in their habitat." Arthur

"It was exciting because you could explore the paths with the animals all around you." Archie

"Some of the animals had names. You got to find out lots about the plants and animals." Daniele

"I enjoyed seeing the toucan, I have always wanted to see a toucan." Sienna

"I liked the tour, you learned about adaptations. For example: tarantula hair can make you go blind." Italia

"The play park was brilliant!" Everyone!

















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https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/

If you have pre-school children and like the sound of St Peter's School then why not contact us to find out about the application process? Telephone 01962 852820 or email <u>admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk</u>.

Best wishes

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