

FLATFORD – DAY 3

Wednesday 1st Nov

Three children have lost their voices from the campfire last night... shame!

Once again, we were treated with cereal, toast, bacon, hash browns, egg & beans for breakfast. Delicious!

Lunch boxes were filled with jam, ham, egg, or cheese sandwiches. We're almost getting the hang of this now!!

Firstly, we started by finding out if we had caught anything in our mammal traps... we were excited by the trap doors being shut and some droppings left behind in the tunnels. We caught 5 mice: Trevor, Mbappe, Coco-bear, Thomas, Pog-juice! Miss Balaam ruined the fun and did not allow any of them to be kept for class pets! We then let them back out into their natural habitat - "Run free little mouses!"

Our second activity included creating our treasure maps. We had to plan where to hide our treasure and draw a map from our classroom to the end goal accompanied with instructions. The map had to include compass directions, angles and adjectives. There were some creative hiding places! But we all found the treasure in the end.

After this, we worked scientifically by conducting a survey around the site, asking visitors what they thought of Flatford and the main attractions. We then produced a poster, advertising the site.

As we arrived to dinner (for our spaghetti bolognese), the chef found one of the triplets and said, "Was it you that asked for brownies?" ... He nodded and replied, "Yes.." with a smile. She then uncovered a tray full of brownies specially made for GWPS! The adults cracked up laughing at the sheer cheekiness and courage of it! If you don't ask, you don't get! Love it.

We have also learnt the difference today between a teabag and a serviette! Can't clear up a split drink with a teabag! Such comical moments...

The cook has really taken to our group and said how she sees many children whilst working here, but ours are a lovely bunch and really pleasant to encounter. Hence why she is being so accommodating and cooking what they want ... like the menu change tomorrow.

We were fortunate enough to have a clear sky for stargazing this evening and it was amazing to be able to see Jupiter and the moon so clearly through the telescopes. We then laid on the floor with a constellation app, so we could identify many different star patterns. Incredible!

Back in our accommodation, our evening consisted of listening to the Ipswich game in one room. Calm crafts in another room. Card games in another.

The day also seems like one big Uno game, as the Uno reverse card was used when we got someone out in our game. Then later on, the block card was used when giving an instruction - we have a true comical genius.

We have been hounded with "Can we have a shower now..." every night! Are they always this desperate to shower?

Thursday... The weather looks a bit 'sus' (as the children would say), we have had to change our itinerary. It wouldn't be safe to do stream work. But hopefully in between lulls in the rain we *might* be able to do some quick pond dips! Fingers crossed!

Quotes -

"We liked catching baby mice!"

"We love spending time all together"

"I really like the food!"