



Bellenden Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: INVESTIGATING THE THAMES

Year 5 will be visiting the following to support their learning in class:

Educational visit/trip	Thames Explorer Trust – Museum of London Docklands
Date	Tuesday 3 rd December 2019
Depart from school at	8.30am
Return to school by	3.30pm
Travelling by	Public Transport
Items to take	School Uniform – Change of clean shoes
Cost of trip	£10.00

As you have signed the 'Permission for Trips during School Hours' form when your child enrolled, we will not need a returned signed slip for this trip.

However, we would like you to get into the habit of confirming attendance and using the ParentPay facility. Please log on to make payment.

Yours Sincerely

J. Solnick

Mr Solnick

Class Teacher

Please see below for further information relating to this trip.

They will attend the Full Programme. Consisting of 2 sessions.

Morning session: Field work on the riverside and foreshore including recording geographical features, using a range of scientific equipment to record simple abiotic data (Temperature, velocity, state of tide) and assessing water quality through chemical testing. Pupils will use the local environment to gain experience in identifying and naming birds and recognising how they have adapted to their environment. On the foreshore, pupils will collect historical artefacts, allowing them to gain an understanding and awareness of the past and compare it with the present. Fieldwork will encourage pupils to raise their own questions about their local environment.

Afternoon Session: In the classroom, pupils will carry out hands-on investigations using a range of resources including maps, photographs and historical artefacts to learn about geography, wildlife, flooding, settlement and environmental issues of the Thames. A riverside trail around the local area provides an opportunity to observe and learn about the geography of the River Thames and land use change and how this links to a wider historical context. We will conclude by discussing why the local area was once globally important. At Museum of London Docklands, if time allows, you can explore 'Sailor Town' – a recreation of the streets surrounding the old docks. **Visiting Sailor Town is subject to your group bringing a change of clean shoes (a museum requirement).**