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Dear Parent/Carer,

The children in our Reception classes will be learning about 'amazing animals' as part of their topic work in the second half of the Spring term. To complement their understanding the children will enjoy the 'Incredible Eggs' experience – duck eggs will be delivered to the classes on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**Shhh! We would like to keep the contents of the eggs a secret, so that it is a surprise for the children.**

Incredible Eggs is a company that provides embryo eggs to hatch at the school allowing the children a wonderful ten day experience. This is an excellent opportunity for children to see ducklings hatching first hand. Once the ducklings leave us they are sent to local farms to live in a natural environment.

To further their learning, we have also arranged a visit to Woolley Firs where they will take part in a 'Teddy Bear Picnic' workshop. The children will have an adventure in the woods and learn the secrets of how wild animals survive. As the workshops at Woolley Firs are limited to 60 children, we have arranged the visits over two days.

**Classes RD & RM will visit on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Class RTA will visit on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

We will need some parent helpers to accompany us on the visits. If you are able to help please can you email [office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) We will then contact you once we have confirmed the number of adult helpers required and how to apply for an enhanced DBS.

All the children and adults will travel by coach from Knowle Green Base, leaving at 9.15 am and returning at 3pm. The children and adults will require a packed lunch in a named bag. Please remember no nuts, fizzy drinks or glass bottles. PE kit should be worn - jogging bottoms, yellow t-shirt and trainers along with their Riverbridge sweatshirt. Please also provide a pair of wellies in a named carrier bag. Your child will need to bring a teddy bear with them to enjoy the adventure. Please put your child's name on the teddy as we do not want anyone to lose their bear!

We are fortunate that the PTA will be funding the cost of the Duckling eggs experience for the children, so the cost for the visit to Woolley Firs will be £22.50. If the cost of the visit is a concern, please email the school office in confidence. Online consent should be ticked to give permission for your child to take part in the activities. Payment can be made in two instalments January & February via [www.scopay.com/riverbridge-pri](http://www.scopay.com/riverbridge-pri). The cost of the trip is based on all pupils in Reception taking part. The contribution is voluntary, however if there is insufficient support, the trip may be cancelled. As a school we cannot fund this type of enrichment visit without voluntary contributions.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any assistance with the consent or payment.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 1 Group Leader