

Wren's Trip to Yenworthy

Our week at Yenworthy started when we all gathered at the Hatchet and waited for our bus to arrive. When the bus arrived, we said our goodbyes to our parents, we all got on and the journey began! Finstock School was already on the bus. During the journey we were lucky enough to be able to watch two films: Kung Fu Panda and Monsters Inc. which we all enjoyed.

When we arrived, we were greeted by Sean and Stuart. We were shown to our boot rooms and then told to go to the lounge for our first meeting. Here we were introduced to all the staff and shown our rooms. We felt very excited by this. After that, we had the challenge of making our beds. Putting on the bottom sheet and the duvet cover were really hard things to do.

When we'd finished sorting out our bedrooms, we headed to the low ropes course. There, Sean explained the different obstacles and put us into teams, mixing us with Finstock School and then gave each team a different starting point. The ropes course challenged our mental and physical skills.



At 5.30pm we had dinner - spaghetti Bolognese which was delicious! Following dinner, the serving group had to clear the tables. After dinner, we went for a moorland walk. On the walk, we looked at cuckoo spit which had larvae in it, stopped to look at a rock that had been there since the Stone Age and looked at a Roman fort in the distance.

Before we went to bed, we had special Yenworthy hot chocolate and a biscuit. We had



this every night we were there whilst looking at the photos of both schools' activities.

The next morning, we had breakfast at 8.15am, did our jobs which included hoovering, sandwich making and tidying the lounge and the workroom. A room inspection took place while we were doing our jobs because there was a prize at the end of the week for the tidiest room. When we were ready, we had a meeting about our activity for the day and on Tuesday this was Outdoor Business. This involved deciding which activity to do based on the cost and the reward of each. Each activity was also graded for its mental and physical difficulty. The activities were a lot of fun and tested our teamwork abilities.



In the evening after dinner, we played the web of life game which was a game using the food chain as its core. Everybody loved playing it and wanted to play it again.

On Wednesday, we went canoeing on a lake. First, we had to lash the boats together in pairs. After we had got changed we were put into teams and set sail. We paddled across the lake setting a new Year 5 record for the furthest distance covered. On the way we played some games using balls and changed places in the boats in a game called 'toolbox'. When we got back, we had a water fight which was great fun and then we jumped in from the jetty.



On Thursday we went to the beach and first we did rock pooling because the tide was coming in. Not only did we find crabs and jellyfish but also bricks and pottery from the flood that happened 70 years ago. We also did coastering and rock climbing. We had

to think hard when we were doing both activities because there were some slippery rocks.



On the last day, we did a wild swim. We had to walk along the river to a natural pool and on the way we stopped at the Richard Blackmore memorial and Skedge told us the story of Lorna Doone and got some of us to enact it. When we got to the pool, we got changed into our swimming costumes and then experienced the freezing water. Following our swim, we had lunch surrounded by midges which were annoying. Once we had finished lunch, we walked back to the minibus to travel back to the lodge.

We loaded our kit onto the bus at the lodge and returned our wellies and waterproofs. Back in the lounge, we learnt who had won the room competition and discussed our favourite part of the week. Then we said our goodbyes and made the long trip home.