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Dear Parents/Carers

On Tuesday 25th March, Year 2 have the exciting opportunity to support the National Trust in a tree planting activity based next to Baitings Dam. This invitation is a follow up from our successful activity days in school by the National Trust. This will help the National Trust's work to restore the moor and its wildlife, reduce wildfires and flooding by slowing the flow of water off the moor and helping keep the peat healthy so it can store carbon and reduce the impacts of climate change.

The children will be taken to the site by minibus in two groups accompanied by Mrs Nicoll and Mrs Medcalf, one group in the morning (10 am – 12 noon) and one group in the afternoon (1 pm – 3 pm). Once everyone is off the minibus, there is a short walk to the planting area.

Then, the National Trust rangers and staff will be showing the children how to plant very young trees (called whips) on land close to Baitings Reservoir. Everyone will have a chance to get involved in doing some planting too. We will talk a little bit about the trees and shrubs we are planting, the wildlife that live on the open moor, and the sorts of birds and animals that will hopefully start living in the new woodlands.

Please can the children wear the school uniform, jumper with suitable tracksuit bottoms or similar warm trousers and sturdy boots or wellies, with spare socks. They will also need to bring spare trousers and shoes into school for the rest of the day.

The National Trust have asked if parents can sign a form giving them permission to take photographs/videos, whilst the children are on site. Please find the consent form on School Spider and complete as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Mrs Nicoll
Year 2 Class Teacher

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