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Wild Journeys of People and Wildlife Paxton Pits Nature Reserve

Provisional Day Plan

Group 1 The Wigeons

10am Arrival

Welcome, introduction and toilets at the Visitor Centre.
The adventure begins. Children are given Saxon cloaks to wear.

10.30 – 12.30 Morning activities

Journey onto the nature reserve

Search for wildlife clues using Saxon kennings and riddles.

The Saxon arrival at the river viewpoint

Children take part in a long ship experience. Discuss adaptation to journey over the water and compare to water birds. Discuss where the river leads and connects us to. Imagine the past using storytelling and role play.

Saxon settlement

Having seen the farmland habitat on the reserve, children visit the Saxon settlement to grind the grain into flour and make Saxon bread sticks.
Find out about Saxon food and natural resources used in the Saxon home.
Refreshments around the fire.

Feast for a farmland bird

Find out about the habitat of farmland birds using bird paint pallets in a search for colour and food. Discover how birds adapt to their habitat.

12.30 Lunch at the Visitor Centre

1.00 – 2.30pm Afternoon activities

Clay creations

Make clay pots as the Saxons did for storing and cooking their food.
A hands-on example of using a resource dug out of the earth.

Unearthing clues

Imagine you are archaeologists unearthing clues from the past to tell you about the history of the nature reserve. Place artefacts on a time line.

Journey headquarters

Discover where Saxons journeyed from in the past and the migration routes of birds by looking at maps. Find out about the adaptations of birds on a wetland habitat through observation from the bird hide.

2.30pm The Journey Home