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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to write to you about an opportunity we have to visit Bore Place this year as part of our curriculum. Bore Place is a working organic dairy farm and environmental education centre. They have a farm – Bore Place farm, 500 acres of woods, streams, diverse habitats & species, a dairy herd, market gardens, kitchens & staff that can share hands on experiential learning. Bore Place is a natural playground & rich learning environment for our local children to connect with nature, food & gain the benefits of being outdoors.

Bore Place have partnered with Big Give Green Match Fund to deliver a new free project for your children entitled, 'You are Nature'. Your children will visit Bore Place 6 times throughout the year (for free!) and will engage in an outdoor learning programme. The enquiry questions they will be exploring during their visits are:

What is a balanced diet?

What are our woodlands so important?

How has our landscape changed?

Why is nature so diverse?

What are the ingredients for good growing? Why is time in nature so important for us?

On the day of the visit, your child will need to wear old clothes that can get a bit dirty. It is essential that all pupils bring a change of footwear in a separate carrier bag (ideally wellies). The footwear needs to be suitable for exclusive wear outdoors and separate from footwear for indoor and travel use. Your child will also need a packed lunch and a drink. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals please let us know a week before each visit if you would like a lunch to be provided. The day will run from 10-2pm and we plan to use minibuses to transport the pupils there and back. Drop off and pick up times remain the same.

Below are the list of dates for the visits. We are asking for you to give permission for all of the visits now, however if circumstances change please let us know. We will remind you of the visits in the newsletter. Please could you confirm that you give permission for your child to attend on Bromcom by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

<b>Visit 1</b>	Wed 04-Oct-23
<b>Visit 2</b>	Thu 09-Nov-23
<b>Visit 3</b>	Thu 18-Jan-24
<b>Visit 4</b>	Fri 08-Mar-24
<b>Visit 5</b>	Fri 03-May-24
<b>Visit 6</b>	Wed 10-Jul-24

I hope you agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for the children and one that complements our 'Curriculum to Inspire' taught within school. The knowledge and skills learnt will also complement the children's experiences during their farm visits which will be happening twice a year at Seal CE Primary School.

Kind regards,  
Miss Fermor  
Head of School