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Ref: Sch/Visits and Activities/FS2 AVP Theatre, Hedgehogs, Bear Hunt & The Deep

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **FS2 'Animal Antics' Topic**

As part of our topic “*Animal Antics*”, we are very pleased to share with you some upcoming trips and workshops that will support and enrich the children’s learning.

#### **Hibernating Hedgehogs – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

As part of our Animal Antics topic, we focus on hibernation. We are delighted to have the opportunity to have Derby Wildlife Trust to visit FS2 where we will enjoy talks/activities based upon hibernating hedgehogs.

#### **Darley Park Bear Hunt – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

As part of our Animal Antics topic, we will be focusing on hibernation. This will lead into all things bears! In FS2 we love Michael Rosen’s story ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’, we thought it would be lovely to go on our own bear hunt to Darley Park!

Please wear wellies and have lunch in a backpack – depending on the weather we will either eat our packed lunch at the park or back at school.

For this walk to go ahead, we will need additional volunteers. If you are able to help, please can you let us know by emailing us at [admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk) with ‘FS2 Bear Hunt’ in the subject line and state your child’s name and class. We will notify you by email should your assistance be required.

All children need to bring with them a drink (no glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks please) and a packed lunch in a **small**, named backpack. **If you would prefer school to provide a packed lunch, please email the School Office by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 via [admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk) with your child's name and class and quoting 'FS2 Bear Hunt' in the subject line.** We cannot receive orders after this date as correct supplies are ordered in by our School Kitchen to avoid waste. Should you require a school packed lunch, please bring a small empty backpack to carry it in.

#### **The Deep – Hull – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

We will be learning all about creatures – both mythical and real, so thought this would be the perfect opportunity to go and see some sea creatures at The Deep! We will embark on a journey through the world’s oceans. Travelling from the shallow tropical lagoons to the darkest depths of the coldest oceans. With an opportunity to marvel at the incredible diversity of life beneath the waves.

At the beginning of the year, we enjoyed learning about polar animals. One of our favourite creatures were penguins. So, we have arranged for the children to participate in a workshop called Percy Penguin's World Tour. The children will investigate hot and cold places, the types of animals who live there and how they are suited to their home.

Children need to wear school uniform.

All children need to bring with them a drink (no glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks please) and a packed lunch in a ***small***, named backpack. If you would prefer school to provide a packed lunch, please email the School Office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 via [admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk) with your child's name and class and quoting 'FS2 The Deep' in the subject line. We cannot receive orders after this date as correct supplies are ordered in by our School Kitchen to avoid waste. Should you require a school packed lunch, please bring a small empty backpack to carry it in.

**Children need to arrive in school for the earlier time of 8.20am and will arrive back in school for 4.15pm.**

For this trip to go ahead, we will need additional volunteers. If you are able to help, please can you let us know by emailing us at [admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk) with 'FS2 The Deep' in the subject line and state your child's name and class. We will notify you by email should your assistance be required.

**AVP Theatre – Under the Sea Puppet Show – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

We are very excited to announce that we have been able to arrange an Under the Sea puppet show for the children to enjoy within school.

We are very much looking forward to these activities and we know the children will gain a great deal from them. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Activities such as these can only go ahead with your financial support; we are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of **£25.50 per child**. This trip has been set up on ParentMail to allow donations for those who wish to pay a bit extra; please follow the simple instructions at checkout. Please ensure we receive your consent/voluntary contribution no later than **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sidebottom & Miss Gamble  
FS2 Teaching Team