

Newton's Explorers KS1

Help Newton the Great Crested Newt explore the Wildlife Trust nature reserve in the Great Fen to discover the wildlife and their habitats.



Activities include:

Pond dipping

Looking for pond creatures in our raised pond, identifying and recording.

Minibeast hunting

Looking for invertebrates in the woodland, identifying and recording.

Sweep netting (spring, summer & early Autumn only)

Looking for insects in the meadow using sweep nets, identifying and recording.

Den Building

The pupils will think like an animal and what it needs to survive and then working in a team they will make a temporary shelter with branches and trees. Taking down the dens after the activity.

Linking activities

As we move from one activity to the next we shall explore the unique plants that make up the different habitats. Using a variety of interactive activities such as treasure tiles, leaf slides and bark rubbing, the children will be able to explore leaves and bark of the trees, and see the relationship between the species that live in this environment.

Time	Water Voles	Great Crested Newts	Marsh Harriers
09.45 - 10.00	Arrival in car park, lead down to classroom	Arrival in car park, lead down to classroom	Arrival in car park, lead down to classroom
10.00 - 10.15	Introduction, outline of the day and safety talk in classroom Ice breaker activity	Introduction, outline of the day and safety talk in classroom Ice breaker activity	Introduction, outline of the day and safety talk in classroom Ice breaker activity
10.15 - 10.45	Pond dipping	Minibeast hunt	Sweep netting
11.00 - 11.30	Minibeast hunt	Sweep netting	Pond dipping
11.45 - 12.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12.30 - 13.00	Sweep netting	Pond dipping	Minibeast hunt
13.15 - 13.45	den building	den building	den building
13.45 - 14.15	Plenary and Great Fen quiz	Plenary and Great Fen quiz	Plenary and Great Fen quiz
14.15 - 14.30	Depart	Depart	Depart