

Ok guys, so the week beginning the 1st June 2020 wasn't supposed to look like this. We were supposed to be off to Danbury for your Year 6 Residential. It's a shame, but like everything in this lockdown period we can make the most of the situation.

We've come up with a list of fun, outdoor and residential-linked activities for you to work your way through this week. Lots of these ideas are linked with things we would actually have done on the trip. One of the highlights of residential trips is that the school staff join in with everything so grab your family members and get them involved too.

Please take lots of photos, and if you want to, film short (less than 10 sec clips) of you participating and send them into us at Office@fairways.southend.sch.uk so that we can amalgamate them.

Please note; we have provided an extensive list of ideas for you to choose activities to complete. We do not expect you to do all of them and do not pester your parents if they are working.

We hope you have lots of fun and remember to keep smiling,

Mrs Anderson and Mrs Brierley

Your challenges...

Make a solar oven and cook yourself s'mores to eat

Watch how to make it and how it works here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TU8ggsBZBM>
Fast forward the programme to 13:30

Written instructions available here: <https://climatekids.nasa.gov/smores/>

Have a 'sleepover'

Do you have a tent you could put up in the garden? Or perhaps you could sleep out under the stars on a trampoline, build a den for indoors or move rooms in your home for the night?

Build a 'fire'

If your adult thinks it's safe and can help you, you could do this for 'real' or make a pretend fire out of materials and sit around it for fun.

Go on an adventurous bike ride

At Danbury, the bike ride track takes you across fields and woodlands and there is also a downhill mountain bike track.

Design, build and fly a kite

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mc3AUuu9_I - Watch this video for inspiration, you could always substitute materials they've used with plastic from carrier bags and sticks.

Make a mud picture

In early history, pictures were made by mixing ground coloured rocks, earth and minerals with egg and even bugs! See what you can find to create your own paints – avoid hurting the wildlife though!

Create an obstacle course to follow

Once you've completed it, can you make it more challenging? E.g. Ask someone to navigate whilst you do it blind folded or perhaps complete it whilst attached to someone else!

Star gaze

You'll have to stay up late for this one, but that's definitely a typical feature of residential trips! There are now lots of great apps for this (your grown-up might find this article helpful to see if they're happy for you to download any <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/g26089673/best-stargazing-apps/>)

Make up a new language and communicate with others in it

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Your-Own-Secret-Language> - You might find some useful tips here.

Make a ball course

Set up a course to follow and then partner up with someone to hold a ball (or similar) between your bodies, follow the course without losing contact with the ball.

Use a compass/ map or both to follow a route

Here's some links to some local walks:

https://healthylifeessex.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Hadleigh_Castle_CP_map.pdf

http://www.essexwalks.com/photos/st_southend/st_southend_map.pdf

http://www.essexwalks.com/osmap.html?f=st_southend.gpx

http://www.essexwalks.com/photos/st_southend/st_southend_desc.pdf

Identify 5 or more different species of tree on a walk

These resources may be useful...

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/identify-wildlife/>

<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/spotting-sheets>

Make a Journey Stick

Whilst at Danbury completing the activities, we would be thinking carefully about the surroundings; the wildlife and plants. We would take time to look closely and appreciate the nature around us. I know that many people have been taking the time to do this in their gardens and whilst going out for walks. A Journey Stick is a fun way of recording what you see. Please remember not to pick berries, flowers or leaves from plants or trees – check with an adult first.

<https://growingfamily.co.uk/craft/journey-stick-kids-nature-crafts/>

Make a target game

Draw a target of concentric circles on the floor – go as big or small as you'd like. Throw items into the target area rewarding points as they land. Last year the Year 6's loved throwing playing cards but you could use anything you like/have!

Natural Noughts and Crosses

Make a natural version of this game using objects you can find in your garden. Watch the video for some ideas of what you could use; be inventive and see what you can collect to make it.

<https://growingfamily.co.uk/craft/nature-craft-making-noughts-and-crosses/>

Recreate a canoe trip

Ok, so this one's a challenge, but is Mrs Brierley's and Mrs Anderson's favourite activity at Danbury, any ideas? Paddling pool/hot tubs maybe? You could make your own boats like you did with Miss Revell last year and race them!

Have a midnight feast

Make a musical instrument out of things you can find outside

Make a giant maze

...and get lost in it!

Birdwatching

While outside take a closer look at the birds you can see. Use the link to enable you to identify the birds in your garden or when you go for a walk. If you want, you can create the bar chart to show which species are most common. As an extension activity, you could research some more information about these birds and their habitats.

<https://content.twinkl.co.uk/resource/b7/0d/T2-T-938-Bird-Counting-Activity-Sheets-ver-2.pdf?token=exp=1590056214~acl=%2Fresource%2Fb7%2F0d%2F-Bird-Count2FT2-T-9>

Create a Nature Journal

You can record your experiences and observations outside in a create way by making a journal. Use the links below for some ideas to get started.

[https://content.twinkl.co.uk/resource/e5/cd/t2-par-41812-naturethemed-weekly-planner-printout-english.pdf? token =exp=1590056615~acl=%2Fresource%2Fe5%2Fcd%2Ft2-par-](https://content.twinkl.co.uk/resource/e5/cd/t2-par-41812-naturethemed-weekly-planner-printout-english.pdf?token=exp=1590056615~acl=%2Fresource%2Fe5%2Fcd%2Ft2-par-)

<https://www.adventure-in-a-box.com/free-printable-nature-journal-for-kids-with-creative-drawing-and-writing-prompts/> (This website requires you to subscribe to a newsletter in order to download the template. However, you can see enough of the journal to get the idea to create your own if you wish. Remember to check with an adult before you download anything.)