This term I was able to join KS1 Year 2 on a Mini beast hunt through Daffern woods.

The children as usual were all very well behaved and showed great enthusiasm when searching beneath rocks and trees for insects and interesting things to look at. They were particularly excited to show their teachers bugs and worms up very close. I'm not sure how the teachers felt about the spiders though.

We were given a quick talk about the interesting "Arley Rocks" that the Leys Millionaires and people within our community paint and hide in Daffern woods. It was very nice to see that some of the children knew all about this and had enjoyed walking through the woods and finding the Arley Rocks with family and friends.

I love that I am able to see this varied form of teaching "out in the wild". It’s nice that as an adventure, the children and teachers can adapt this fun lesson with Maths, Literacy, Physical Activity and Science; all whilst the children enjoy an afternoon out.

I will also add a big thank you to the lunchtime staff we have at school. I arranged to stay for lunch and playtime with the whole school, from reception to year six. I couldn't believe how organised and quiet lunchtime was. I was expecting mayhem.  Dinner was also amazing.

Thank you for letting me join in and see how things work; Year 2 Ladybirds (Daffern Woods) Years 3 & 4 Owl & Woodpecker) Brandon Marsh, Year 6 Stag for Woodland skills at Ryton Pools & A big thanks to everyone for dinner time.

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