

# Residentials

At Greenbank we actively promote learning outside the classroom opportunities to all our children including adventurous activities such as climbing, kayaking and educational visits. We believe these experiences play a positive part in enhancing the children's education as well as helping with their personal and social development.

Some of the key experiences for any child, not just at Greenbank, are residential visits.

**Please click here to learn more about the benefits of residential visits**

## Year 2

In Year 2 the children stay late in school one evening after school during the Summer term. The children have use of our Outdoor Classroom.

The evening is based on the topic that they are covering in their class at the time - and it gets the children used to the idea of staying away from home a little later than usual. A buffet tea is provided.

## Year 3

Year 3 children enjoy a one night stay at Moorland Home on the outskirts of Rochdale with staff from their class and the Outdoor Team. The children take part in activities over two days at Moorland Home using the facilities and surrounding area.

Again this is based around the class theme at the time, which this year was the Stone Age. The children 'hunted' for food during archery sessions and learnt how to light a fire 'to cook' in Healey Dell.

For more information on Moorland Home, click on the following link:

<http://www.rochdalechildrensmoorlandhome.org/>



#### **Year 4**

All the children in Year 4 will get to stay away from home for two nights. They stay at Outdoor Alternative in Anglesey, Wales. Plenty of activities are planned around a chosen theme to keep them fully occupied!

Staying away from home will help to develop their independence and increase their self-confidence.

#### **Year 5**

Children in Year 5 have a three night stay in Derbyshire. This allows for the children to get more from their visit and prepare them better for the year 6 trip to Tower Wood. The accommodation at the Youth Hostel is fantastic - the rooms are all en-suite and the children shared with their friends, with all meals provided. The setting gives the children chance to develop their social skills and their self-confidence, as well as the educational benefits of the trip itself.



It also allows for more key skills to be targeted through the activities such as science through baking, geography through map reading and completing a spy trail and also English through mystery solving! The children also get to visit Treak Cliff Caverns to see where the Blue John stone is mined. The evening activities include a campfire, a quiz and the now famous Greenbank's Got Talent Show! This year's guest judges were Simon Cowell, Ant and Dec and The Queen!



For more information on Losehill Hall YHA, click on the following link:

<http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/castleton-losehill-hall>

## **Year 6**

The Year 6 residential this year saw Greenbank return to Tower Wood for only the second time and what a residential it was! The children had a really busy week with lots of activities including, sailing, orienteering, walking and learning about bats! They were also treated to a cruise on Lake Windermere which took us from Bowness to Ambleside. The weather was kind to us on most days but one, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the group who showed great resilience in tough conditions. I think all the staff who attended agreed it was one of the best residentials we have been on and that was largely down to the behaviour of all the children, so well done Year 6!

For more information on Tower Wood, click on the following link:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/outdooreducation/our-centres/tower-wood.aspx>