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Y4 Visit to John Ruskin's Home at Brantwood, Coniston
Tuesday 7th May 2019 – Mr Giblin's Class
Wednesday 8th May – Mrs Scarbro's/Mrs Gillett's Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been given the most amazing opportunity to take the Year 4 children to Brantwood for a day, for FREE!

Why is it free?

The visits for local schools are funded by Brantwood (including their many supporters) through a project called "The Learning Loft". This funding also extends to 50% of the coach cost. Our PTA have kindly offered to pay the other 50% of the coach travel. When you support PTA events, the money raised goes towards projects like this which benefit all children at Ghyllside. This has left us free to use some of Brantwood's ideas and resources to design an art skills and outdoor experience day for our children.

What will we do?

In school we will learn a little about John Ruskin. On Tuesday/Wednesday, we will complete three separate art trails: creating a natural palette of colours, gathering and using tiny fragments of plants to make pressed bookmarks and creating a visual diary of sketches. We may also have time to look around the inside of Ruskin's home and learn a little about what it would have been like to live there. We have unlimited access to the beautiful gardens and the use of a warm, inside space to work and picnic if the weather is inclement.

What time?

We will leave Ghyllside at 9.15am and aim to return for 3.15pm. School collection arrangements should be your usual routine. Children who are collected at 3.20pm should be collected as usual at 3.20pm. Children who would usually go to ASC will be collected by ASC staff as usual or taken there by one of the team if we are delayed.

What does my child need?

Kit

As the weather at the moment is changeable, please ensure that your child has suitable clothing. Please make sure that they have waterproof trousers and jacket and suitable footwear. The outdoors is only fun when you follow the Golden Rule: Stay warm and dry!

Your child will also need a big, healthy packed lunch, as we'll be doing a lot of exploring, a water bottle (full and not leaking) and their usual healthy fruit/vegetable snacks for mid-morning. They do not need any money and we're sorting out all of the art materials. If your child uses an inhaler, please make sure that they have it in school. No inhaler means no trip out for them!

Anything Else?

Try to find time with your child to find Coniston on a map if they don't know where it is and find out a little about John Ruskin and how we still see his immense influence today, 200 years after he was born.

Many thanks for your continued support, providing our children with exciting experiences and opportunities to explore the amazing place where we live.

The Year 4 Team



