



# Knapp House

On The 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 we {year 6} arrived at school at the early hour of 6:45am. Half an hour later at 7:15 my class set off on the coach for Devon, the coach journey was about 5-6 hours and we had a few stops at service stations, but managed to arrive at Knapp House by 2:30. Just in time to start our first activity...

## Monday

For activities the class was split up into 4 groups {15, 16, 17, and 18}, however for most activities 15 and 16 would be together and 17 and 18 would be together, I was in group 17. My first activity was 'Canoe drill' which took place in the swimming pool, the aim of this activity was so that we would be prepared for canoeing on the lake. We learnt a variety of different strokes using the paddle, such as; the forward stroke, the backward stroke, the forward sweep stroke, the backward sweep stroke and The Indian stroke. We then had Lasagna for dinner and an ice lolly for dessert, yum yum yum! After this our next activity was low ropes, which in a nutshell was an obstacle course where you could gain points for the difficulty of different obstacles completed. My team lost!!!

## Tuesday

Tuesday began with a filling breakfast of bacon and scrambled egg, we then began our first activity of the day - Tunnelling. For this activity we had to wear camouflage boiler suits which protected our clothing from the muddy tunnel, I took part in doing all of the tunnels aside from the final one as it was pitch black and very small. SCARY!!! Along with tunnelling in the morning my group took part in crate stacking which was

extremely fun, your stackers would place the crates on top of each other beneath and you would aim to get as high as possible before falling over.

After a delicious lunch the four groups joined together and the whole class went canoeing in the lake together, where we played wet games and searched for Calumn the Crocodile. Then I consumed a delicious dinner consisting of pasta Bolognese, which fuelled me for the exhilarating yet terrifying Ringo riding. Ringo riding meant that you and your partner would cross arms and hold onto a circle with handles. This circle was tied to a speed boat which was driven around at a death defying speed and you had to try and stay on. All in all Tuesday was a fantastic first full day.

### Wednesday

The first activity on Wednesday was another whole class one which was really a 50/50 activity as you spent Half your time crabbing {I caught three!} and the other half on

The speed boat ride where you literally flew through the air on the waves -one of my favourite activities- which, after lunch, was followed by an extremely wet coastal walk which involved some rock pooling as well as some unintentional swimming! Dinner that night was hotdogs followed by pedal carting for the whole class. Now pedal carting was a competition and my group certainly didn't win, but it's the taking part that counts.

### Thursday

Our last full day started with the Tree Trav, which was basically being hoisted up a gigantic tree and abseiling, which was very high, but I wasn't scared. The 'trav' part stood for

intraverse, this was walking along the lake on a tight rope and mental puzzles. Then after lunch we came together as a class to surf and body board in the freezing cold sea wearing freezing cold wetsuits; however despite the cold we managed to have a good time and enjoy ourselves. Finally once we had eaten pizza we enjoyed the disco which was an excellent and fun way to finish off our time at Knapp House.

## Friday

Even though we were leaving on this day we still, managed to fit in a last minute activity in the morning. This activity was rock climbing and abseiling, I got to the top of every wall and abseiled right down to the bottom {I was very proud!} After this activity we travelled home and told our families about the fantastic time we had at Knapp House!!!

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