Activity Risk Benefit Assessment

Activity	Looking for animal habitats	Group Details	13 Reception Children			Sophie Adamson and Tracey Bishop			
Other Risk Assessments referred to		n/a							
Date	16.10.21	Signature			Review Date	27.11.23			

Benefits of Experience/ Activity

Understanding how animals live

Understanding where different animals live

Classifying animals

Connection with nature

Sense of enjoyment

/	Hazards		Level of Risk				Level of risk after
Experience/ Activity		Associated Risk(s)	s	L	RR	Control Action(s)	control actions
Looking underneath logs	The weight of the log	Muscular strain/ back injury	2	2		Leader to provide demonstration prior to activity showing pupils how to bend knees (in a squat position) when lifting or rolling heavy logs. Leader to encourage children to move heavier logs in partners rather than on their own. Supervision.	RR - 4
Looking for animals in bushes/trees	The point of thorns Sharp sticks	Scratches Cuts	1	3		Leader to provide demonstration prior to activity showing pupils how to look for hazards while exploring the woodland. Supervision.	RR – 3
Looking for animals	The sting on a bee/wasp	Bee sting/wasp sting – irritation, swelling, possibly anaphylactic reaction.	3	2	6	Leader to be aware of any children or adults who are allergic to bees/wasps and check if any children/adults have an adrenaline pen for an allergy. If there are any severe allergies – ensure their adrenaline pen is in emergency bag while participating in FS. Leader to remind children/adults that there are often lots of bees/wasps near the apple tree in the summer.	RR – 4 (S – 2 L – 2)

Looking for animals	The sting of a stinging nettle	Stinging nettle sting – irritation and swelling.	1	3	Leader to remind children to look to for risks (stinging nettles) while looking for animal habitats	RR - 3

	High (3)	Medium (2)	Low (1)
Severity (S)	death or major injury	permanent disability/serious injury	minor injury
Likelihood (L)	occurs repeatedly	will/could occur	unlikely/though conceivable

Risk Rating (RR): Significant Risk = 7 - 9 Medium Risk = 4 - 6 Low Risk = 1 - 3