

**Risk-Benefit Assessment: Biotic Detectives (Invertebrates, Animals and Plants)**

Assessment Undertaken By: Kathryn Day (Headteacher)

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Assessment Approved By: Trevor Watson (Health and Safety Lead)

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Activity with Significant Hazard, Events and Consequences Identified	Benefits	Risk Level S x L = RR	L M H	List Groups of People Who Are Especially at Risk from the Hazards	Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating S x L = RR	L M H
Invertebrate hunt; animal detectives; plant detectives – transfer of infection or diseases; poisoning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develops an interest in wildlife.</li> <li>Aids identification and classification skills – children learn to identify common plants and animals.</li> <li>Study of lifecycles and food chains.</li> <li>Knowledge of animal habitats and requirements.</li> <li>Fun.</li> </ul>	3 x 3 = 9	M	Children Staff Visitors to School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff with appropriate first aid training always present and well-stocked first aid kit available.</li> <li>Children instructed not to put anything in theirs or others mouth.</li> <li>Hand washing (or wipes or hand gel) always undertaken before eating and at the end of the session.</li> <li>Remind of 'No Lick' rule.</li> <li>Children and adults reminded not to eat anything unless Forest School Leader has given permission.</li> </ul>	2 x 2 = 4	L

SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK RATING (S x L)	
1 = No injury or illness	1 = Very remote	14+	High
2 = First Aid injuries or illness	2 = Improbable		
3 = Minor injury or illness – up to 3 days away	3 = Possible	5 – 13	Medium
4 = 3+ days injury or illness	4 = Probable		
5 = Major injury or illness	5 = Likely	1 – 4	Low
6 = Fatal or disabling injury or illness	6 = Certainty		

Reviewed By	Review Date
Kathryn Day	12/10/2024