Visit the Arobreutm or the Arobreutm can visit you!

January to March 2016 (Terms 3 & 4)

During terms 3 and 4, Harcourt Arboretum is offering schools the opportunity to book an outreach visit. Our Education and Outreach Officer will come into your school and bring a range of materials from the botanical world for the children to investigate and experience. This programme is a great opportunity for children to learn the basics about trees and plants and is the ideal introduction for a visit to the Arboretum in the future. We will provide all the equipment for the visit; all you need to provide are the children and the hall!

What is a tree?
Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (1 hour)
This fun, interactive session is an introduction to trees. The activities include an interactive game to examine how trees change through the seasons and a handling session that gives children the opportunity to see and touch a wide variety of seeds. *Three sessions are available each day.*

Spectacular Seeds
Key Stage 2 (1 ½ hours)
This session examines the importance of seeds as a part of the plant. What do seeds look like? How do they disperse? This interactive session will include an opportunity to handle a wide variety of seeds and an examination of adaptations to different dispersal methods. The session will culminate with the Oak Life Cycle Game, in which the children will take an active role in exploring the stages of development from acorn to fully mature oak tree. *Two sessions are available each day.*

The cost of each workshop is £100. If you are outside Oxfordshire, please let us know as there may be an additional cost for petrol to travel to you.
Why not come to the Arboretum. Whether there is a sparkling frost, a picturesque snowy landscape or the first spring flowers appearing, the Arboretum is a magical place whatever the season.

**Wonderful Winter or Spectacular Spring**  
**Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1**
This session will give you a chance to explore the Arboretum looking at the seasonal highlights. Search for buds, signs of spring bulbs and animals that are getting ready for warmer weather. Collect some natural materials to make your own Arboretum art work to brighten up the winter season.

**A Tree in Winter**  
**Key Sage 1 and 2**
Find out why some trees stay green all year round and why some lose their leaves. Find out how to identify trees just by finding the buds and search for our beautiful display of spring bulbs which appear in January. The session will be adapted to include seasonal highlights.

Each session has a maximum capacity of 35 children. The cost of each workshop is £100. If you would like to stay at the Arboretum after your workshop for a self-guided visit, please let us know as we can advise on activities and seasonal highlights. You are welcome to stay for lunch; however we do not have any indoor space.

Availability is limited, so book early to avoid disappointment:  
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The University of Oxford Harcourt Arboretum is located just 6 miles south of Oxford and its 130 acres include a range of habitats from woods to a wild flower meadow. From April to December we host school visits on site, so please get in touch if you would like to bring your pupils along to one of our sessions.