



# Activity workshop information sheet

## Baby Owls

Location: Turnpike Woods (near the High Wycombe Toll House)      Length of workshop: 2 hours

### Synopsis:

Using the tale of "Owl Babies" we will explore light and dark and looking at owls.

During this workshop, the children will listen to the story and then help the mother owl to find mice hiding in the woods to feed the owl babies. After snack time the children will make a simple owl collage to take back to school using materials that they have found in the woods (dried leaves for scratchy feathers or moss for lovely soft feathers).

### Learning aims and objectives:

- To develop listening skills
- To investigate shapes, colours and textures
- To encourage imagination, creativity and the expression of ideas and feelings
- To develop hand/eye coordination
- To develop making skills
- To think about why animals, including humans, need homes and what types of food that they eat
- To work together with others and to take turns
- To share ideas and make plans and to use language to describe items and actions to others
- To encourage exploration.
- To encourage children to move safely around and explore in their natural environment
- To encourage children to be aware of other's movements around them and how their movements can affect others

### Practical points:

- There are photographic opportunities throughout this activity workshop.
- You need to bring your snack with you and time is provided within the activity for this.
- We will be outside no matter the weather, therefore please ensure that the children wear long trousers and either trainers or wellingtons at all times of the year. Please also make sure that they wear warm clothes, hats and gloves when the weather is cold, waterproofs in wet weather and sun hats in hot weather.

### Support required from school staff:

Your staff and adult helpers will need to help the children throughout the activity.

The children will need your supervision around the fireplace, especially when the fire is lit and we would appreciate your help with distributing the porridge.

### Related areas of interest in the Museum:

- Amersham Prefab, Leagrave Cottage & High Wycombe Toll House – look in the houses to find out how people lived in the past.
- Look for evidence of where animals and birds live in our woods.