

# RAPS at Derwent Hill

## Day 1

We arrived just after lunch and settled into our home for the week. We met our instructors and got down to business straight away. We wanted to see the amazing views of the Lake District so we climbed a mountain near to Derwent Hill. It was amazing.

## Day 2

Our first full day was packed with adventure, we canoed over Derwent Water to an island, roasted marshmallows and drank hot chocolate. As the winds had picked up, we were able to sail back to the jetty. We visited Paul Barnes at Blackwood Farm and managed to see a Marsh Fritillary butterfly, which is very rare. Paul was very hardworking and an inspiration to us all.

## Day 3

Although the water was cold, gorge walking was amazing, we slid down mountains, swam through small rivers and jumped into waterfalls, we loved it! We climbed trees and conquered our fears on the Death Swing, even though we were terrified beforehand we all tried our best.

## Day 4

Day 4 pushed all of us to our limits, we climbed mountains in the Lake District. One group climbed High Spy, a mountain that is around 700m above sea level and the other group climbed a well-known mountain in the Lakes called Catbells. Overall the day was amazing and we totally agree with Mrs Todd's favourite quote, "If you want to see the view, you have to climb the mountain."

## Day 5

On our final day we were sad to be leaving but thought there was time to fit in one more adventure before leaving so we took off into the woods and made fires. We sat around the camp fire and shared our thoughts of the week whilst cooking bread that we had made ourselves. It was delicious.