

Miss Brearey's Review of Camp Brearey 6th- 7th May 2020

My first thoughts are that this place isn't particularly organised. I had to plan my own itinerary, I have to create my own activities AND I've just found out the kitchen doesn't have any marshmallows in stock. Disgraceful.

I've been given a map of the site and I'm slightly concerned about these neighbourhood cats...I hope they're not going to get in the way. I suppose one benefit is that there's no chance of me getting travel sick on the journey to Camp Brearey.



Find and copy one word that means worried.

Find and copy one word that means "good thing" or advantage.

Why is there no chance of Miss Brearey getting travel sick on the way to Camp Brearey?

How could Miss Brearey tell the difference between the friendly and unfriendly neighbourhood cats?

Tick true or false for each statement

Statement	True	False
Miss Brearey has 2 pet cats.		
The kitchen has enough marshmallows for everyone.		
Miss Brearey had to create her own plan for residential		



There was a change to the menu for lunch but it was quesadillas so I can't complain. They were delicious and sitting outside made them taste even better.

On my nature walk, I collected 6 different leaves. This was quite tricky as there were no leaves on the floor (because it was Spring), I had to make sure I wasn't taking leaves from trees in anyone's garden and the leaves were very high up (even for me!). Looking back, I think it also would have been useful to take pictures of the trees as this seemed quite important when I came round to (attempting) to identify the tree types. I think (and these may well be completely



wrong but I tried my best!) I found hazel, black cherry, maple and sycamore.



It was time to set up the blanket fort. This quickly became very complicated and I definitely underestimated how tricky this would be to create, especially as this needed to stay up whilst I slept in it...

I had a turret, weights holding it up, weights holding it down and a front porch! I think I ended up using every blanket I own and even then had to add in some bed sheets to fill the gaps. It took a long time and I was ready for a well earned cup of tea.

What made the quesadillas taste even better?

How many different leaves did Miss Brearey collect on her walk?

Give one reason it was tricky for Miss Brearey to collect her leaves.

Why were there no leaves on the floor?

What did Miss Brearey create for her to sleep in?

Find and copy one word that means tower.

Why did Miss Brearey have to use bed sheets as well as blankets?

What did Miss Brearey do when she'd finished making her blanket fort?

Match the activity to the adjective Miss Brearey used to describe it

Eating quesadillas

well earned

Collecting leaves

very complicated

Creating a blanket fort

quite tricky

Drinking a cup of tea

delicious

My next activity was knot tying. Before I started, I knew how to tie a reef knot and tie my shoe laces but that was it. I used my walking boot shoe laces so that I had plenty of “string” and it was fairly thick. I watched a video and attempted 3 new knots before coming to the conclusion that a reef knot and tying my shoe laces was enough for me!

Bowline



Sheet bend



Clove hitch



Dinner proved a little tricky as the blanket fort took up all of the space so I had to eat in the fort! Luckily, fish and chips was actually the perfect meal to eat on my lap. After untangling myself from the blankets, I

managed to get out and wash the dishes.

After dinner, it was time for the campfire! Unfortunately, Camp Brearey does not have a camp fire so I had to make do with a candle.

I was, however, able to make my hot chocolate with no difficulties and video call Mrs Mullen at Camp Mullen. She was having a super time and was going to be spending the night in a real tent outside!



What knot could Miss Brearey tie before she did the activity?

What did she use as her string?

Name one type of knot Miss Brearey attempted.

How did Miss Brearey learn the new knots?

Where did Miss Brearey eat her dinner?

What did Miss Brearey have for her dinner?

What did Miss Brearey do after dinner?

Find and copy one word that means problems.

How did Miss Brearey find out how Mrs Mullen was getting on?

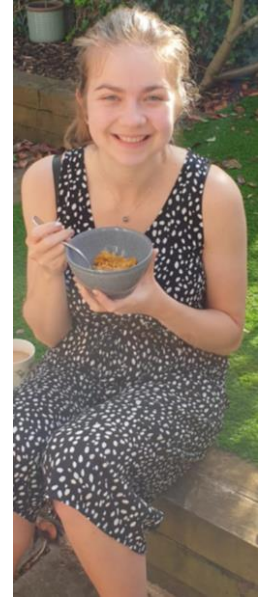
Where was Mrs Mullen staying?



Sleepily, I got myself ready for bed. Who knew that a residential at home would still be tiring! It was a tight squeeze getting my single mattress into the fort but I managed it. I slept fairly well except when I woke up in the night very confused about where I was...

I woke up to the light streaming through the blinds at 6am as I'd forgotten to close them before going to bed (silly Miss Brearey). After untangling myself from the fort again, I got up and dressed. I trekked to the kitchen and out to the patio with my bowl of cornflakes to eat *al fresco* (a fancy Italian way of saying outside).

Unfortunately after breakfast, I had to take the blanket fort down as it was getting very tiresome to get from one end of the room to the other. I felt like a secret agent having to dip and dive under all the wires (which was even more perilous when carrying a cup of scalding hot tea and a bowl of cornflakes in danger of getting soggy!).



Where did Miss Brearey sleep?

Did Miss Brearey sleep well? How do you know?

What time did Miss Brearey wake up?

Why did Miss Brearey wake up so early?

Why do you think Miss Brearey has described getting to the kitchen as a "trek"?

What does *al fresco* mean?

What did Miss Brearey have for her breakfast?

When did Miss Brearey take the blanket fort down?

Why did Miss Brearey feel like a secret agent?

Find and copy one word that means dangerous.



I decided that, in stead of doing outdoor art, I would try my hand at flower pressing. I got my heavy books ready and watched a video on how to do it. This particular video recommended using a microwave to dry out the flowers instead of waiting a long time with heavy books...ingenious (if it works!).

It didn't work. The flowers stuck to the paper and didn't dry out properly. I'm having another go with a big, heavy book...hopefully

that will work more successfully!

After lunch, it was time for my last activity of the residential: assault course! It was only when I got round to doing this activity that I realised I couldn't do it as I have nothing that I would be able to build an assault course with! Never fear, I decided that Joe Wicks would put me through my paces instead.

Before I knew it, it was time to wave goodbye to Camp Brearey and arrive back home (a mere 1 minute journey).

In conclusion, it's been a fun 2 days at Camp Brearey, doing some different things to what I've been doing in lockdown. My personal highlight was the blanket fort. The only negative really was having to do everything myself and by myself. On residentials, there are always other teachers, instructors and of course smiling (if often slightly tired by the end of day 2) children. It's made me even more excited for next year's residential which (hopefully) will feel a bit more "normal".



What did Miss Brearey do instead of outdoor art?

Find and copy one word that means "incredibly clever"

How did Miss Brearey know her flower pressing hadn't worked very well?

Why couldn't Miss Brearey do the assault course?

What was Miss Brearey's personal highlight?

Miss Brearey mentions one of her favourite parts and one of the negatives of doing a residential at home in the last paragraph of her review. What other positives and negatives can you think of?

You can either use her review or your own experience. I've done the first 1 of each as examples.

Positives of Camp at home	Negatives of Camp at home
<i>You can choose all of your own activities.</i>	<i>Miss Brearey forgot the marshmallows.</i>