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July 2014

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## Holtspur Bottom

# Butterfly Reserve

Riding Lane, Holtspur, HP9 1BT

Year Two from Holtspur School in Cherry Tree Road joined us recently with their teacher Mrs Fiona O'Reilly for a tour of our Reserve at Holtspur Bottom. We spotted both male and female Brimstones, Small Whites, Common Blues, and some were lucky enough to see a male Orange-tip and two Small Blues. We explained a little about the special plants and flowers we've got on the reserve; why we've made "scrapes" (piles of earth to provide sheltered spaces for butterflies and other insects to warm up in, and shelter from the wind); and why there are red-topped pegs in the ground in some places (they mark out the quadrats we're using in an ongoing plant survey). The children were interested in some of the other insects we found, and seemed particularly captivated by a group of very busy ants.



Quite a lot to take in on one short visit, but we'd like to think they'll want to come back!

Many thanks go to teaching assistants Mrs Sally Marks, Mrs Judith Righton and Miss Andrea Howard, without whose help the afternoon couldn't have happened.



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