## Nature Adventure in the Lakes

One of our young people, spent his very first school holidays with us during October half term. Although the transition was initially challenging, he embraced the opportunity to explore the stunning landscapes of the Lake District and discover its natural wonders.

A standout moment came during a squirrel-spotting trip to a forest near Shap. Armed with a few suggested snacks and a quiet determination, we ventured into the woods with hopes of seeing the elusive red squirrels, a protected species in the UK. His patience paid off—after waiting calmly and respectfully, he was rewarded with an extraordinary encounter: one curious squirrel came so close it gently touched his hand.

He was fascinated to learn about the squirrels' protected status and showed great care and interest throughout the experience. His quiet perseverance and genuine excitement reminded us all of the magic that nature can offer—and how powerful these moments can be for young people finding their feet.

Here's to many more adventures ahead! 🌲 🧩



