

## Robin Hill Detectives Required! Can you find answers to important questions?

### Student Introduction

- ▶ Are you good at using clues in order to work out answers to questions?
- ▶ Do you have the perseverance to hunt high and low to find information?
- ▶ Are your detective skills up to scratch?



- ✓ You are going to use your skills to find out the answers to questions about Robin Hill.

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your answers with others who are on a school trip to school.

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### Find the answers to the following:

### Questions

- What tells you that the scent in the glands of a squirrel are strong?
- Cuckoos are lazy. Find information to prove this theory.
- Explain why bluebells must have been at Robin Hill for centuries.
- Multiply the distance from Robin Hill to Cherbourg by the distance from Robin Hill to Bristol (in miles).
- What do you think a Monument Order is?
- What is the Bestival?
- Find out which Chinese symbol you are. Give reasons why this is a good reflection of your character. Give reasons why it isn't.
- Why do you think that there is a different record for a totem pole and a tree carving?
- What is the reason for the survival of red squirrels on the Isle of Wight?
- One of Alfred Tennyson's poems mentions two things that can also be found at Robin Hill. What are they?

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## TEACHER ANSWER SHEET

a) What tells you that the scent in the glands of a squirrel are strong?

*The scent (which is put on to their food before it is buried) can be picked up many months later.*

b) Cuckoos are lazy. Find information to prove this theory.

*They steal the nests of other birds, rather than build their own.*

c) Explain why bluebells must have been at Robin Hill for centuries.

*Bluebells don't colonise woods very quickly, so the fact that they carpet the entire wood suggest that they have been at Robin Hill for a long time.*

d) Multiply the distance from Robin Hill to Cherbourg by the distance from Robin Hill to

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What do you think that a monument order is?

*It protects historic monuments and buildings. In the Combley Roman Villa information which states that the buried villa is protected by a monument order and is unlikely to be uncovered again.*

f) What is the Bestival?

*A music festival held every September for 50,000 people at Robin Hill.*

g) Find out which Chinese symbol you are. Give reasons why this is a good reflection of your character. Give reasons why it isn't.

h) Why do you think that there is a different record for a totem pole and a tree carving?

*They are not created in the same way and cannot, therefore, be compared. A tree carving is completed whilst the tree is upright; however, a totem pole is carved whilst the tree is lying on the ground.*

i) What is the reason for the survival of red squirrels on the Isle of Wight?

*There are no grey squirrels on the Isle of Wight to drive them from their habitat.*

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