

## Reading Evening Post

Langtree pupils' lesson in adventure



Lorna King, Joanna Saxby, Joe Webster, Karina Thomson and Harry Brownlow with mountaineer Lee Farmer

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Pupils at Langtree School got a taste of what it is like to be an explorer when a mountaineer paid them a visit.

Lee Farmer, a Newbury mountaineer and Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (RGS), showed Year Nine pupils his climbing equipment five days before setting off for a season in Antarctica and the South Pole.

Mr Farmer brought shop dummy 'Bonnington' with him dressed in extreme altitude clothing and showed pupils at the school in Reading Road, Woodcote, a slideshow of his adventures.

The visit, which took place last month, formed part of the RGS's schools ambassador programme.

Mr Farmer said: "I think the children were quite impressed at the amount of equipment you need to take for expeditions such as this, and how you manage to fit it all in a giant rucksack.

"I was able to demonstrate that, as well as show them how each item works.

"I explained how important it is to think about safety, how to keep warm, and what sort of things we eat while we're on expeditions.

"I think they enjoyed it because it opened their eyes to a whole new world."