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## My holiday to Center Parcs

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In half term I had a fantastic holiday experience at Center Parcs in the Lake District. It was my Uncle Richard's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and all his friends were invited. Consequently, we had to stay in a massive lodge. When we finally arrived, we all headed straight to a restaurant in the Center Parcs village. Eventually, we all ended up in 'Huck's bar and grill' for an eat as much as you like buffet. When we got back to the lodge, we were exhausted and went straight to bed.

The next day, we woke up eagerly and set off to hire some bikes. My mum and I had our own bikes but my little sister, Lauren, had to tag along, which was a smaller bike, attached to my dad's. We did a lot of cycling that day! In the afternoon, all of the people from our party went to the 'Sub-tropical swimming paradise'. It was great fun, especially the thrilling outdoor rapids. When we came back in from the rapids, we warmed up in the bubbly Jacuzzi.

On the Sunday, our first activity was pony trekking. My horse was a large brown one called Millie and Lauren's was a smaller white one called Jack. Afterwards, we got a rosette and a key ring with a picture of our horse on and its name. Later on that day we went to a mammal holding session and a little girl called Grace came, who was staying as part of our group from the lodge next door. Some of the animals we got to see were: a sugar glider, a pole cat and a hedgehog. That evening we had a lovely barbecue and a party for my Uncle Richard. We stayed up very late.

On the Monday it was time to go home, after one more swim in the pool. I didn't want to leave Center Parcs as it was so enjoyable. I really hope I can go back again soon.

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