



Outdoor Learning

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OUTDOOR LEARNING

In line with our status as a Forest School, we look for opportunities within all areas of the curriculum where learning can be enriched outdoors. As part of our Themes; specific opportunities are identified for each of our themes ahead of planning and teaching and all staff are committed to enriching learning through our forest schools approach. KS1 and EYFS children spend a dedicated afternoon each week engaged in forest schools activities linked with our theme while KS2 children use the outdoor area, as appropriate, across the curriculum.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To bring the curriculum to life, ensuring it is broad and balanced.
- Give children a broad range of experiences, alongside the core curriculum, increasing cultural capital.
- Promote Planet Inspiration qualities.
- Encourage a healthy lifestyle.
- Create a respect for the natural environment.

HOW DO WE USE THE OUTDOORS?

- Orienteering course
- Forest school sessions
- After school clubs
- To enhance any curriculum subject
- Fitness trail
- Nature trail
- Running track
- Pond/water activities
- Outdoor Classroom and nature hub
- Shelter-building

- Team-building activities

HEALTH AND SAFETY

For many aspects of outdoor learning there are specific risk assessments that apply e.g. fire lighting, pond activities, assault course, etc. Risk assessments are stored in the folder in the office and on the shared staff area and are updated regularly and at any point where an issue arises prompting the revision of the risk assessment.

We have a large number of staff who are first aid trained and we have first aid equipment located where it is easy to access should it be required during outdoor learning activities.