

Outdoor Learning Curriculum Intent

“We are Proud”



The intent of our outdoor learning curriculum content is to ensure that children develop a deeper connection with the natural world whilst building the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to thrive in an ever-changing society. Through purposeful and progressive outdoor experiences, we aim to enhance children’s physical, emotional, social and cognitive development, preparing them to be resilient, responsible and environmentally aware individuals.

Outdoor learning plays a pivotal role in supporting wellbeing, enriching curriculum understanding and fostering curiosity, creativity and independence. By learning beyond the classroom, children are encouraged to explore, question, collaborate and reflect, enabling them to apply their learning in real-world contexts and develop skills essential for future life and employment.

To this aim, our Outdoor Learning curriculum is designed to:

- Develop confident, successful and aspirational life-long learners who are motivated to explore, discover and achieve their best through hands-on experiences.
- Ensure pupils thrive academically by deepening understanding across the curriculum through meaningful, practical and experiential learning opportunities outdoors.
- Support all learners through inclusive and adaptive teaching, ensuring outdoor learning is accessible, engaging and appropriate for every child.
- Recognise outdoor learning as a cross-curricular approach that enriches learning in subjects such as science, geography, PE, art and PSHE, supporting the acquisition and application of knowledge.
- Nurture confident individuals who are able to lead safe, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives by promoting physical activity, emotional wellbeing and positive risk-taking.
- Encourage pupils to become respectful, kind and active members of society by fostering teamwork, communication, empathy and mutual respect in shared outdoor spaces.
- Instil a strong sense of environmental responsibility and sustainability, helping children to understand their role in caring for the natural world and their impact on local and global environments.
- Enable children to acquire a broad and rich knowledge base through challenging and engaging outdoor experiences that promote problem-solving, resilience and perseverance.
- Prepare children for a rapidly changing world by developing adaptability, independence and practical life skills through real-life challenges and outdoor exploration.
- Shape active and creative minds by encouraging curiosity, imagination and critical thinking through open-ended activities and investigative learning.
- Build resilience, determination and confidence by providing opportunities for children to overcome challenges, reflect on their learning and celebrate personal and collective achievements.

**Pride will be displayed in all we strive to achieve
Personal development is at the heart of our curriculum
We prepare for possibilities, hopes and dreams
Success for today, ready for tomorrow**