



DAY 10:10- 'THE GREAT OUTDOORS'

Life in all its fullness



Our Day 10:10 unit has been planned to enhance the outdoor learning environment of our school. Through this unit we are all working together to ensure that our children have the best possible learning opportunities, and are able to broaden and deepen their understanding across a range of curriculum areas. We are excited to have a new outdoor learning classroom and we are looking forward to developing the outdoor space creatively with our children.



QUALITY OUTDOOR LEARNING IS PROVEN TO...

- develop reflective and inquisitive thinking along with problem-solving approaches in 'real' situations
- encourage holistic development of children
- develop resilience and adaptability
- allow children to become more able to identify hazards and risks
- develop a love, appreciation and respect for nature and all that is living
- develop an understanding of how we can look after our environment
- develop self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem
- develop collaborative-working and communication skills
- provide positive health benefits – both physically and mentally – and assist gross and fine-motor development
- develop a lifelong love of the outdoors

OUR INTENT:

Through a range of creative activities, our children will not only engage in creative activities but will also set up learning opportunities for others to use into the future.

'Great Outdoor Maths'.

This will involve everyone choosing a problem and looking for practical and visual ways of solving that problem, using pebbles that will be created during the session and used for problem-solving afterwards.



'Great Outdoor Reading.'

The children will create story boards including illustration and key from favourite stories/ books. The children will create a 'garden' themed vocabulary word wall and a reading trail full of pictures and quotes.



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'Great Outdoor Art'

The children will look at the work of illustrators of books set in our natural environment, and will identify their styles, and learn to use a range of media and materials. They will also set Art activities for visitors to the garden, enabling all to develop skills and techniques.



Recent studies have reported a significant increase in mental ill health in children in the UK. Among other things, a **lack of regular connection to the outdoors and participation in outdoor activities are major contributing factors**. Two of our activities will involve creating installations using natural objects, and sharing well-being messages.



'Great Outdoor Science'.

The children will learn about the different habitats of plants and will plant the various areas of the garden- including the vegetable beds, pond area and the meadow. They will also learn about the wildlife that each area will support and they will have the opportunity to observe each area over time through all the seasons.

Ecological Awareness

The children will learn about the ecological impact of single-use plastic, and their project will involve creating eco bricks to build a structure for the new garden that will remind us of the importance of looking after our planet.



Prayer Trail- A time for Reflection

Our children will create a prayer trail, offering everyone the chance to reflect and enjoy nature, and the peace and tranquility of being outside. They will create prayer stations linked to The Lost Words unit, linking back to the wonderful work that we did last term.



By having a curriculum that encourages outdoor learning, and an assumption that we will not give up easily, we hope we can inspire everyone to be resilient, creative, determined and to see things through.

We all want each individual to see the world around them, to notice the wildlife and the variety of plants and trees. We live and learn in such a beautiful, rural setting, and we want this to impact on everyone's learning and well-being. We want everyone to understand that learning occurs everywhere, inside and outside, and as a school we want to enable this for all pupils.

We hope that we can make our Great Outdoor Space even greater, and encourage a positive approach to learning that impacts on all areas of the curriculum.