

Curriculum intent for outdoor learning

We value the importance of outdoor learning. We believe that spending time outdoors is as important for children's development as learning to read and write. Within our school curriculum we teach lessons with an outdoor focus so that children have hands on experiences through which they develop their understanding and application of our school values and vision, ***'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.'* (Timothy 4:12)** All outdoor learning is planned around the curriculum currently being studied, which gives depth, enrichment and an outdoor perspective for our children. We want children to have the opportunity to be able to explore and learn outside throughout the year, experiencing the seasons and changing nature around them. Outdoors is the key to improving children's health, wellbeing and happiness.

The primary aims of this curriculum will be:

- To build self-esteem and confidence in children.
- To encourage collaboration.
- To build resilient, determined and independent learners
- To develop children's personal, social and emotional development.
- To develop and encourage creativity
- To develop and build the ideas of risk management and risk benefit
- To improve children's life skills and experiences
- To enable children to gain a respect for the natural environment and wildlife.
- To transfer negative behaviours into positive ones.
- To let children be children

We will ensure every child has the right to relax, play and experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development. Children will develop life skills in readiness for Secondary school and the wider world.