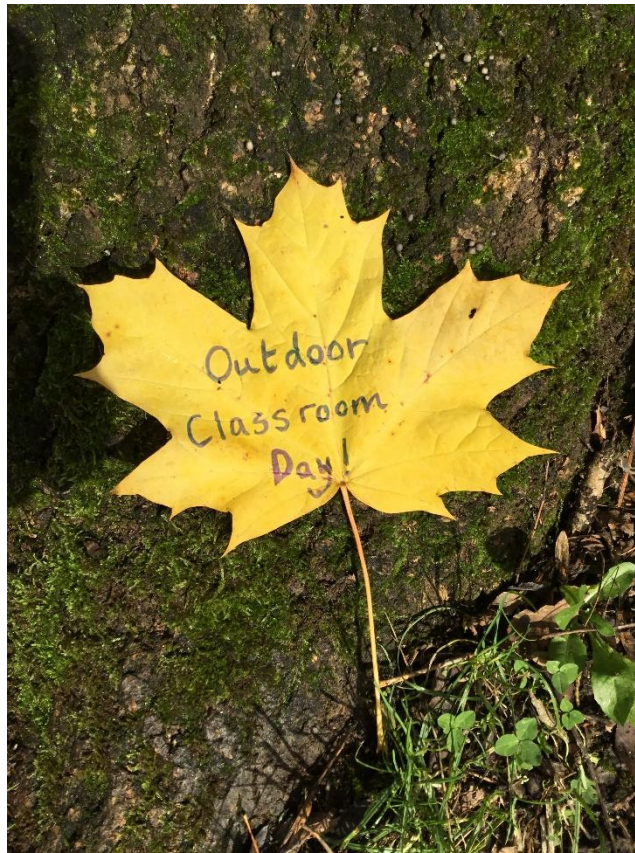


Outdoor Classroom Day 2020



Outdoor Classroom Day is a GLOBAL movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning, at home and at school. On Outdoor Classroom Day itself, which has two dates each year, teachers celebrate with a special day outdoors for their class.

The theme this year is LOVE THE OUTDOORS.

Children are spending less time outdoors than ever before and this is affecting their health, wellbeing and love of the natural world. Time outdoors- on Outdoor Classroom Day and every day - will make children happier and healthier, as well as helping them form habits that will stick with them for life. They will have a love of the natural world and will take action to protect it.

Time outdoors is good for our health, our wellbeing, and our connection to this beautiful planet that we live on.

Did you know this thought provoking fact...

"74% of children spend less time outdoors than the 60 minutes recommended for prison inmates. Let's fix this." Edelman Berland for Unilever, 2016

We love our outdoor learning at St Mary's and feel we are very lucky to have such a wonderful outdoor learning environment. We treasure our Forest school sessions and learning outdoors with our teachers.

A little boy in Year one said, "This is the BEST DAY OF MY LIFE!"



Look at all the exciting things St Mary's school children did for Outdoor Classroom Day...

Sunrise Class (Reception) have been exploring some firework themed art.



Joy Class- Year One took part in an outdoor Science lesson exploring the properties of materials.



Trust Class- Year Two enjoyed getting messy making bird feeders after being inspired by the Michael Morpurgo poem, 'Coming home.' They also took a Maths lesson outside to add tens to 2digit numbers.



Hope Class- Year Three took a Science lesson outside and enjoyed investigating ,How does our shadow change during the day?' The children used chalk to draw around our shadows at 10.15, 11.00, 11.45 and finally 2.15. We discovered that our shadows moved and became shorter in the morning and in the afternoon our shadows had moved a lot and were longer again.



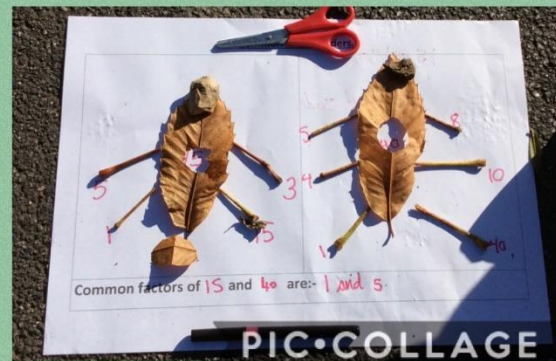
Friendship Class- Year Four used their time outside to think about Remembrance Day. They read lots of poems, wrote inspirational quotes onto leaves and decorated stones with poppies to create a stunning outdoor display outside the Year Four classroom.



Compassion Class- Year Five explored their own theories about whether the Earth is flat or round. They discussed how Scientists have different theories based on evidence.



Courage Class -Year Six took their Numeracy lesson outside and reinforced their understanding of common factors, using natural materials, to make factor spiders and bugs.



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