



Outdoor Learning at Anstey



At Anstey, we aim to inspire and develop children's curiosity and love of the world in which they live. We recognise the importance of giving children time and space in the outside world; the benefits that it has for children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as giving opportunities for learning in ways that cannot be achieved inside the traditional classroom.

Through a rich outdoor learning curriculum, children's learning of their science and geography topics will be supported in practical and engaging ways. Allowing them to put key skills such as mapping into a practical context. They will also be able to apply learning from inside the classroom, such as the life cycle of animals and plants, into a real – life context through exploring our pond and gardening areas. Through time together in our school grounds, the children will develop not only their knowledge of the world but also work on their team building and social skills. Our outdoor learning curriculum fosters collaborative learning, working together to problem solve and communicating with others in different ways. We aim to give children a range of experiences that they may not receive in the wider areas of their life, so that they can begin to understand and develop practical and social skills that will support them in their time at school, and into their adult lives.

Whilst not a National Curriculum area, outdoor learning is a key support to children's learning within curriculum subjects, as well as supporting work within school supporting children's emotional and mental wellbeing. With a focus on first-hand experience, children's' learning will be supported through many enrichment opportunities and all topics will have a clear progression of skills and include key concepts.





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