

Whiston Willis Primary Academy Outdoor Curriculum

What are the benefits to an outdoor curriculum?

An Outdoor Curriculum is simply using the areas outside the classroom to extend the children's learning experience.

Outdoor education can be simply described as experiential learning in the outdoors. Our New Bug Garden will enable our children to learn , discover and be one with nature.

Inquiry Based Learning

- ▶ Learning in the children's hands
 - ▶ Active
 - ▶ Inquiry based
 - ▶ Doing rather than talking
 - ▶ Memorable
 - ▶ Associative
- ▶ Connecting with local environment

Literacy EYFS

- Writing with chalk
- Sound walks
- Recording sounds around school
- Set up an outdoor reading area
- Creative writing in the outdoors
- Role play, bringing books to life
- Reading a Variety of non fiction books, natural world, mini beast, art, weather.

Maths EYFS

- Using Maths skills to keep scores during games
- Weighing and measuring natural objects
- Sorting and categorising natural objects
- Creating repeated patterns with natural resources.

Science in the EYFS

- Investigating living things and life cycles
- Freezing and melting experiments
- Investigating different materials and their properties

Geography and History in the EYFS

- Doing an archaeological dig
- Identifying objects and grouping into past and present
- Dressing up
- Going on a treasure hunt
- Drawing maps
- Using maps of the local area
- Comparing your school grounds to others
- Make a huge map of the world on the playground

Art and Design Technology in EYFS

- Design and build a waterproof shelter
- Design and build a working mode of transport
- Make your own puppets and have an outdoor puppet theatre
- Andy Goldsworthy artwork
- Collage using natural materials
- Splatter painting
- Bark rubbing