

The Outdoor Classroom

Activities provide essential backup to classroom teaching, make use of the wealth of natural resources within school grounds and encourage creativity and responsibility.

We are highly qualified with expertise in environmental science and wide experience working with young people.

- all equipment and expertise provided
- all activities are risk assessed
- all staff CRB checked
- grant advice
- curriculum weeks.

SCHOOL GROUNDS DESIGN

Full day KS2 only

Use google earth and simple survey techniques to draw up a plan to attract wildlife and create a fantastic resource. Management plan and grant advice supplied with this project.

SCHOOL GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT

Half-full day

We work with pupils, staff and parents to create habitats such as ponds, woodlands for Forest Schools or outdoor classrooms, hedgerows, vegetable patches, meadows or butterfly gardens. Grant advice, safe tool use and management of the area included.

WILDLIFE AREA RESCUE

Half-full day project

Is your wildlife area overgrown and underused? We lead pupils to cut, clear and plant, ponds and other habitats, recreating an inviting outdoor classroom.

MINIBEAST HOTEL

Half day project

Construct a structural invertebrate hotel for the grounds using a range of materials designed to provide layers of habitats for invertebrates.

STAG BEETLE PYRAMID

Half day project

Stag beetles are a Bio-diversity Action Plan Species. Create a structural pyramid for stag beetles and other terrestrial invertebrates.

POND RESCUE

Half day project

With the help of children and parents have a working party to clear, plant and re-shape to get the pond back into tip-top condition.

ORCHARD DAY

Full day project

We work with pupils to understand the cultural importance of orchards and to plant an orchard in your grounds. Also apple tasting and tree dressing.

LIVING WILLOW STRUCTURES

Use willow to create works of art for the school grounds or develop some individual creations

Tunnel materials - cost £25/m and
dome materials - cost £100.

BUSHCRAFT and DEN MAKING

Up to 3 classes a day

Use simple hand tools and natural materials to make the following:

- shelter building
- fire lighting skills
- bird feeders
- elder beads
- willow pegs
- charcoal pencils
- environmental art.



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MINIBEASTS IN THE CLASSROOM

Explore large habitat trays full of leaf litter and live woodland minibeasts. Identify them and learn about lifecycles, food chains and role in the ecosystem.

Up to 5 classes a day

HABITAT COMPARISON

Survey the school grounds to discover the minibeast life in dark corners, trees, long grass and ponds.

Up to 5 classes a day

SEASHORE

Comparing Habitats

Explore large habitat trays with tide line flotsam and jetsam to find treasures of the shoreline and find out the mysterious lives of marine creatures.

Up to 5 classes a day

POND DIPPING

Dip your school pond and use keys to identify the creatures, use a biotic index, explore pollution, life cycles and food chains and draw up a plan to improve the bio-diversity of your pond.

Up to 5 classes a day

ECOSCHOOL

Choose from the following fun activities designed to inspire and enthuse eco warriors and introduce the main themes of Ecoschools :

- Rot and Rubbish • Food miles game • Waterwise Game • Biodiversity • Energy footprints
- Challenge Citizens of the world • Wants and needs • Kinder Egg Challenge.

Up to 5 classes a day

WASTEAWAY DAY

Activities to help pupils reduce reuse and recycle rubbish at school and at home.

- Materials magic • Bin Bag Challenge • Waste Audit • Lunch box less • Compost Corner
- Recycled Paper making.

Up to 2 classes a day

EXPLORE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Do you have a local wood, churchyard, river or seashore in walking distance? We work with classes to identify the wildlife of the local vicinity by using minibeast hunting equipment, tree and plant id sheets and looking for tracks and signs.

Half day project

NATURE'S ART

Use natures' art cupboard to create group or individual masterpieces:

- Andy Goldsworthy art • Muddy faces • Weaving • Tree Dressing • Dream catchers.

Up to 4 classes a day

TREES AND PLANTS

Use keys and activities to explore life cycles and the roles of trees and plants in the ecosystem.

- School tree trail • Tree Profiles • Seed dispersal • Fabulous Flowers • Tree dressing

Up to 5 classes a day

BIRDS PROJECT

- Owl Pellets dissection • Nest building • Design a bird • Bird feeders • bird boxes.

Up to 5 classes a day

EXPLORE YOUR SENSES

Use your senses to explore the colour, touch, sound and smell of nature.

- Camouflage caterpillars • Call of the wild • Smelly Cocktails • Touch&feel • Mirror walk.

Up to 4 classes a day

NATURE TRAIL

Map the natural features of the school grounds to create a trail for others to follow.

Up to 3 classes a day

BOOKINGS AND DETAILS

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We request a donation of £200 per full day
£120 per half day

£50 per mini session or consultation plus
travel expenses (max £20).

This helps to fund Essex Wildlife Trust's vital
conservation work.



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