

Rosehill School – Curriculum Project

Outdoor Learning Week



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Project Dates: 1st – 5th November

Key Learning Objectives

At the end of the Project pupils at Rosehill School will have:

- Engaged in a range of Physical Education and Forest School sessions outdoors – in Partnership with Outdoor Adventure Service, Nottingham City
- Experienced new and exciting activities, such as accessing a climbing wall or archery, which promote interest, motivation and resilience
- Developed their literacy, numeracy, phonics and science skills through accessing creative outdoor learning experiences
- Developed their independence through trying new activities, accessing new equipment and resources, and being allowed to take 'safe risks' and learn how to adapt their skills
- Developed their emotional well-being through being outside in the fresh air, enjoying physical fun and turn taking



School Development Plan Links: Personal development/Priority 4: B -Build on the schools aim in developing confidence and a greater level of independence through promoting pupils to make more varied choices and seek out new challenges

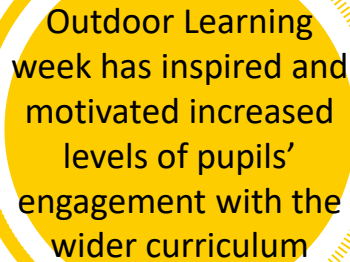
Project Content

- Each class will access age appropriate physical education sessions from external youth sport providers
- Each class will access age appropriate Forest Schools sessions from external Outdoor Adventure providers
- Pupils will take their 'core' learning of English, Mathematics and Science outdoors and teachers will provide a 'Hands-On' approach to the students learning through using the environment and nature as a vehicle to learning
- Pupils will be supported to try new activities each day and to develop their independence skills




Impact on children and young people

All pupils successfully took part in Outdoor Learning Week




Outdoor Learning week has inspired and motivated increased levels of pupils' engagement with the wider curriculum



The school has promoted good emotional health, happiness and wellbeing



Pupils have experienced new and exciting opportunities, which they might not have normally experienced, developing their confidence and independence



Pupils have said they want an outdoor activity on their timetable each week

- All pupils tried a new activity or learnt a new skill through being outdoors and learning through a hands-on practical approach.
- Pupils smiled and engaged throughout all activities. Pupils had lots of energy, were excited to get their coats on to go outside and engaged well with core subjects as well as new activities and learning experiences.
- A hugely successful week.



Impact on staff/school community

All staff engaged well and joined in with new activities. They particularly enjoyed those delivered by external providers

Some staff tried an activity they had never experienced before such as the climbing walls. They described the experience as uplifting

Some staff said they had the 'most fun' outdoors during this week, which they felt supported their wellbeing

Some staff said the experience had developed their CPD, and they now feel more skilled at being able to incorporate outdoor learning within their timetables



Lower School



Nature art & kite making

Exploring numbers and letters outdoors

Archery

Scavenger hunts



Middle School



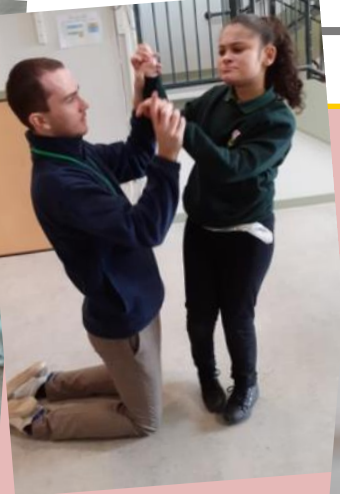
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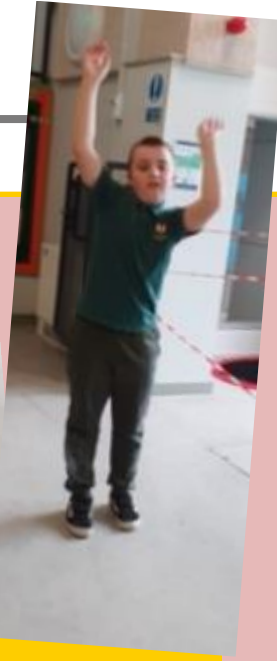
Climbing wall



Exploring art and nature



Dance



Upper School



Fire pit

Climbing wall

Outdoor experiences
such as art, making
bug hotels & bird
feeders



Pupil Voice

“This is the best – are you coming in again next week?”

– Feedback about the climbing wall from a student in the Upper School

“I feel like I am flying!”
– Feedback about the climbing wall from a pupil in the Middle School

“I would like hot chocolate by the fire every day!”

– About the fire pit by a pupil in Upper School

A pupil in the Primary School said Archery was his favourite part of the week!



Pupil Voice/Questionnaires completed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 13

Next steps

1

For all classes to take part in an Outdoor Learning lesson on a weekly basis

2

Sports Coach and PE Lead to continue to enrich the physical education curriculum offer, by providing extended outdoor wellbeing led activities throughout the year. To include positive mental health sports related activities e.g. cycling, outdoor circuits/ gym and through use of the outdoors i.e. Woodland Walk/ adventure activities

3

Implement fundraising strategy for the development of playgrounds



2 - see links within PPG Strategy

3 - see links with School Development Plan