

Outdoor Learning statement for the website

KOINONIA (fellowship) THANKFULNESS FRIENDSHIP FORGIVENESS TRUST COMPASSION

Outdoor learning is an integral part of learning in Foundation Stage and is developing throughout the rest of the school.

We provide children with Outdoor Learning experiences that promote their personal development and wellbeing, and to empower them to take ownership of their learning. As well as developing physical skills, Outdoor Learning is essential for developing communication, co-operation and collaborative learning. It is the most effective way to promote resilience, deep thinking and reflective learning and is a rare opportunity for children to experience managed risk taking and challenge their physical and mental abilities. Outdoor Learning offers a unique opportunity for real hands on learning, with a focus on observing, caring for and nurturing our environment and developing a sense of shared ownership and Koinonia. We further develop our sense of shared community through regular stay and play days where families can share in the Outdoor Learning with their children.

Outdoor Learning is a treasure trove of experiences which supports all our Christian Values. In our provision of Outdoor Learning experiences and interactions with Early Years children we model how to show friendship and compassion, trust and forgiveness by supporting children to 'use their words' to build relationships, negotiate and ask for things, talk about their feelings saying when they like or do not like something and by always having 'kind hands'. It is an essential conduit for embedding British Values. As children have many more opportunities outdoors to explore and work collaboratively outdoors we support them to listen and respect the opinions of others, help other people and develop a sense of fairness, right and wrong.