



Outdoor Learning

The outdoor environment is a rich, dynamic and natural space for learning for children of all ages and abilities. It provides an essential learning resource with a diversity of resources and spaces that cannot be replicated inside, a special place where young children are able to experience freedom as well as challenge themselves.

Research has shown that learning outside the classroom contributes significantly to raising standard and improving pupils' personal, social and emotional development. When outside children have the freedom to explore and develop their physical boundaries, to take risks and discover the world around them using all of their senses which can have an enormous impact on their self confidence and self esteem. Young children's basic desire to explore and make sense of the world around them is developed through high quality experiences in the outdoor environment and this supports the development of new skills and independence and learning across the curriculum.



Aims

To ensure that:

All children have opportunities for outdoor learning across the curriculum.

The outdoor environment supports pupils' learning across the curriculum.

EYFS and Key Stage 1

At Stamshaw Infant School we will:

- Recognise the value of using the outdoor environment for learning.

- Ensure that curriculum planning includes opportunities for all learners to engage in learning outside the classroom as a key, integrated element of their experience.
- Evaluate the quality of learning outside the classroom to ensure that it is having a significant impact on pupils' achievement, personal development and wellbeing.
- Ensure equal and full access for all learners to learning outside the classroom.
- Look at and develop our outside environment to support all pupils' learning and development.