

Subject: Outdoor Learning



Year Group	Knowledge	Skills	Vocabulary	Inspirational people/events	Club/visit/ experts
	*non-negotiable knowledge highlighted in green	*non-negotiable knowledge highlighted in green			
R	To recognise signs of autumn/summer on the school grounds.	Introduction to rules/boundaries/format of sessions.	Seasons autumn/winter Summer	Growing caterpillars into butterflies	
	To learn about plant life cycles, parts of a plant and seed dispersal.	To dress independently and appropriately for the weather.	Senses: listen/hear look/see taste	Fire with Mr Grounds	
	To know about some hibernating animals.	Introduction of basic tools and how to be safe around them – Hammers, mallets, trowels, forks, hand drills, palm drills, loppers (with an adult 1:1).	touch/feel Smell		
	To observe the lifecycle of frogs in the school pond. To learn about the lifecycle of butterflies.	To join together sticks using masking tape, pipe cleaners or string.	Safe/unsafe sad/happy angry/calm		
	To know some tree and bird species on the school grounds.	Introduction of basic shelter building with support. To know and follow safety procedures.	excited/nervous cold/hot Scared/brave		
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		Introduction of fire safety. Observe toasting technique. Collect firewood.			
1	To recognise signs of autumn/spring on the school grounds.	Reinforcement and practice of rules/boundaries.	seasons summer/autumn	Fire with Mr Grounds	
	To learn about predator and prey/food chains.	To dress independently and appropriately for the weather.	spring senses:	Learn about toys used in the	
	To know about hibernating animals.	Continuation of the use of YR tools and introducing loppers and bow saw (with an adult 1:1).	listen/hear look/see taste	outdoors	
	To observe the lifecycle of trees in the school grounds.	Introduce larger ropes and develop independent cutting of string and tape.	touch/feel smell		

To learn about the lifecycles of species in the school grounds. To know some insect, tree and bird species on the school grounds. Orienteering/mapping (geography links) Use directional language (near and far; left and right). Recognise human and physical features within the outdoor learning area.	Practice shelter building (with support where necessary). Introduction to basic knots (reef knot). Introduction of fire safety. Use fire strikes to practice making a spark. Collect firewood. Help build the fire. Simple toasting techniques around the firepit.	risk/safety un/sure un/comfortable frustrated proud hibernate		
To recognise signs of Spring/summer on the school grounds. To learn about different trees on the school grounds - life cycles, fruit, nuts, buds etc To begin to distinguish different bird song. To observe the life cycles of frogs/newts. To know about the lifecycle of species in the school grounds. To know some plant, insect, tree and bird species on the school grounds. Living history Investigating 'the great fire of London' learning about how quickly wood burns and the temperature fire can reach. Orienteering/mapping (geography links) Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West)	Shared reinforcement of rules/boundaries and risk assessment control actions. To dress independently and appropriately for the weather. Continuation of the use of tools as before, introducing peelers and folding saw (with an adult 1:1) Practice of knots for attaching (reef knot, timber hitch). Independent use of knots to create den structures with tension/waterproof design. Introduction of lashing techniques to attach/join sticks (square lashing). Continuation of fire safety. Use fire strikes to practice making a spark -and light cotton wool. Fire triangle. Collect firewood. Help build the fire. Use kettle/pan on the fire grill (e.g pancakes or hot chocolate).	winter summer Emotional literacy language hibernate life cycle mating elements community Parts of a tree language: fruit, nut, seed, leaf, bark, branch, bud. Use simple compass.	Fire with Mr Grounds Samuel Pepys visitor	

	Use directional language (near and far; left and right)				
	Recognise human and physical features within the outdoor learning area.				
	Demonstrate understanding of the concept of a basic map.				
3	To identify the signs for each season on the school grounds.	Reinforcement of rules/boundaries and shared risk assessment control actions developed.	spring summer autumn	Fire with Mr Grounds	
	To learn about plant life cycles, parts of a plant and seed dispersal.	To dress independently and appropriately for the weather.	winter		
	To identify and classify species on the school grounds, including the pond area.	Continuation of the use of tools, larger ropes and independent cutting of string. Further practice with more advanced tools – saw, loppers,	Emotional literacy language		
	Introduce knowledge about the wildlife within our school grounds and how to look after them - conservation projects.	secateurs, (1-1 support) More sophisticated use of knots for attaching to structures, trees etc (e.g - timber hitch, half hitch).	identify, classify, conservation Parts of plant language: stem, leaf, roots, flowers, seeds		
	Living history Practical experience of stone age lifestyle - e.g - cooking, flint knapping.	Continuation of techniques to make frames, ladders, structures. Continuation of fire safety. Fire triangle.	Types of trees/species on the school grounds. navigate		
	Orienteering/mapping (geography links) Demonstrate understanding of the concept of a basic map.	Collect dry tinder and use fire strikes to practice making a spark -and light cotton wool/tinder (fairy fires). Introduction to fire lighting and cooking over a campfire			
	Navigate your way around a simple orienteering course.				
	Understand the term 'orientate or 'setting' a map.				
	Record information accurately.				
	Follow rules when completing an orienteering activity.				

5	To identify the signs for each season on the school grounds. To learn about plant life cycles, parts of a plant and seed dispersal. To identify and classify species on the school grounds, including the pond area. Introduce knowledge about the wildlife within our school grounds and how to look after them - conservation projects. Living history Practical experience of Roman lifestyle - e.g - cooking, weapons, tools Orienteering/mapping (geography links) Demonstrate understanding of the concept of a basic map. Navigate your way around a simple orienteering course. Understand the term 'orientate or 'setting' a map. Record information accurately. Follow rules when completing an orienteering activity. To investigate species from the school	Reinforcement of rules/boundaries and shared risk assessment control actions developed. To dress independently and appropriately for the weather. Continuation of the use of tools, larger ropes and independent cutting of string. Continue to build skilful use of more advanced tools – saw, loppers, and secateurs. More sophisticated use of knots for attaching to structures, trees etc (e. g- timber hitch, half hitch). Continuation of techniques to make frames, ladders, structures. Continuation of fire safety. Fire triangle. Collect dry tinder and use fire strikes to practice making a spark -and light cotton wool/tinder (fairy fires). Continuation of fire lighting and cooking over a campfire	spring summer autumn winter Emotional literacy language life cycles, identify, classify, conservation Parts of plant language: stem, leaf, roots, flowers, seeds Types of trees/species on the school grounds. navigate	Fire with Mr Grounds Coordinates and grid referencing using the forest school rope frame.
5	o investigate species from the school grounds and begin to make links between them - food chains, biodiversity, ecology. Increase knowledge about the wildlife within our school grounds - observational drawings, surveying. Use of dichotomous keys.	risk assessment control actions. To dress independently and appropriately for the weather. Introduce knife skills/green wood whittling. (3:1 ratio) Independent use of tools –hammers, saw,	Emotional literacy /values language observe diagram dichotomous key food chains	Fire with Mr Grounds

	Living history	loppers, secateurs - with adult permission/tool procedure followed.	biodiversity ecology		
	Practical experience of		community		
	Anglo-Saxon lifestyle -	More sophisticated knots for attaching to	responsibility		
	e.g - cooking, weaving, shelter	structures and trees and selecting the correct	orienteering		
	building.	knot for a job. Independent lashing techniques to			
	Orienteering/mapping (geography	attach/join sticks.			
	links)				
	Develop expertise in the orienteering	Continuation of fire safety.			
	skills of orientating a map, following a	Supported fire lighting - small fairy fires in shells			
	course, and recognition of relevant	(With supervision).			
	map symbols.	Using the campfire for cooking with support.			
	Demonstrate an understanding of the	Extinguishing the fire.			
	relationship between pacing and	Eximigoisting the me.			
	distance.				
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	Plan a short loop course for another pair to follow.				
	pair to follow.				
	Improve confidence in map reading				
	and the transfer of information from				
	map to ground.				
	Plan the most efficient route so that				
	the course is completed in the quickest time.				
6	To investigate species from the school	Personal management of rules/boundaries and	Emotional literacy	Fire with Mr	
	grounds and begin to make links	risk assessment control actions.	/values	Grounds	
	between them - food chains, food		language		
	webs, biodiversity, ecology.	To dress independently and appropriately for the		Links to events	
		weather.	observe	at Blacklands	
	Increase knowledge about the wildlife within our school grounds -	Further properties of traifs stills (are are used at	diagram		
	observational drawings, surveying.	Further practice of knife skills/green wood whittling. (3:1 ratio) Independent use of tools –	dichotomous		
	Use of dichotomous keys.	hammers, saw, loppers, secateurs - with adult	key food		
		permission/tool procedure followed.	chains food webs		
	Living history		biodiversity		
	Practical experience of	More complex knots and lashings, and selecting	ecology		
	Viking lifestyle -	the correct knot for a job independently.	community		
	e.g - cooking, building, weapons,		responsibility		
	tools.	Further knowledge about fire safety and fire lighting. Use of fire gloves.			

Orienteering/mapping (geography	Independent small fire		
links)	lighting (with		
Develop expertise in the orienteering skills of orientating a map, following a	supervision)		
course, and recognition of relevant map symbols.	Using the camp fire for cooking (with supervision) Extinguishing the fire.		
Combine map reading and compass			
skills.			
Further develop navigational skills by planning ahead, identifying problems			
and making decisions.			
Learn to balance speed and			
accuracy.			