

Learning through play is a key part to our Early Years Programme. We encourage learning through play within the classroom and in the outdoor classroom.

The outdoor classroom offers the opportunity for children to -

- explore and investigate with all their senses.
- become deeply involved and concentrate for long periods of time.
- revisit the same concept in a variety of ways.
- develop creatively and imaginatively using different materials and resources.

Why is outdoor education so important?

Early Years Foundation stage states:

'Being outdoors has a **positive impact** on children's sense of well-being and helps all aspects of children's development'

'Being outdoors offers **opportunities for doing things in different ways** and on different scales than when indoors'

'It gives children **first hand contact** with weather seasons and the natural world'

'Outdoor environments offer **children freedom to explore, use their senses and be physically active and exuberant.**'

Early Education - The British Association for Early Childhood Education