



Outdoor Learning

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Outdoor Learning Thrives at Gosden House!



Rain or shine, our learners are embracing the wonders of outdoor learning at Gosden House!



From exploring habitats and planting trees to mastering fire lighting, building dens, making seed bombs, and learning about our planet, Gosden House is buzzing with activity.



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OUTDOOR LEARNING

Our youngest learners, the Robins and Owls, find inspiration in the natural world for their Maths lessons, fostering a deeper connection with their surroundings.



The Kestrels have been exploring habitats, while KS3 learners have been using their 'Being Brave' learning muscle to embrace the challenge of fire lighting. They have been learning to use fire steels and working together to build and cook on fires they've created themselves, nurturing both practical skills and teamwork. This includes exploring the science of marshmallows on the fire!



Children have also delved into the properties of natural resources found in the woods, using them to understand concepts like good and poor conductors of heat for fire building. They have been busy planting trees, contributing to the health and beauty of our woodland environment, and constructing dens, fostering creativity and collaboration.



Meanwhile, our Badger class has been delving into the wonders of our green planet, exploring and developing a deeper understanding of the world around them.

And our eager Rabbit class? They are constantly asking when their next Forest School adventure will be!

Engineering skills have been put to the test, with students designing and building popcorn contraptions to cook kernels over the fire. This hands-on activity combines creativity with practical application of heat and mechanics.



We've also incorporated engaging blindfold challenges, encouraging trust and sensory exploration. Our learners have been getting their hands dirty making seed bombs, a fun and eco-friendly way to spread wildflowers and support pollinators.





We've also set up wildlife cameras to capture glimpses of the creatures that call our woods home. The children have shown their care for local wildlife by making and putting up bird feeders and bird houses, while demonstrating their commitment to preserving our natural spaces, regularly participating in litter picking, ensuring that our woods remain clean.



Navigating a giant spider web has become a popular challenge, encouraging collaboration and problem-solving, and our learners are developing their fine motor skills by learning to use palm drills.

I ensure all these activities are conducted safely and effectively, maximising the learning potential for every learner.

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