

MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

Schools Programme Overview

Making Space for Nature is an exciting education programme where pupils will engage with nature on their doorstep and enter weekly competitions.

We are offering a package of six weekly curriculum-based activity worksheets. These will inspire pupil creativity whilst encouraging outdoor learning and well-being as they explore their own 'naturehood'.

The project connects local pupils with the greening of land and water spaces. Activities will cover the following themes, curriculum links and activities:

1. Where on Earth am I? (Geography: Mapping)

Draw a map of home to a local green space. Add a key and compass points. Go for a walk to your green space with your map and add things you notice along the way (tree, special plant). Complete the key and colour in.

2. Natural treasures (Biology)

Using SEEK app or plant, tree and bird ID sheets, go on a walk and photograph/draw the biodiversity and habitats you see. Take a pot or jar to catch insects to photograph. Collect natural treasures and create a miniature habitat at home.

3. I see a tree, what do you see? (History)

How long has it been there? Measure height and age of a tree.

4. Nature treasure hunt (Geography)

Using their map to create a nature treasure hunt for someone else, pupils create clues to use the map and find buried gold.

5. Make my space for nature (PSHE, Art)

Pupils become perfinkers= 'tie up perception (what they notice), with what they are thinking and feeling'. Design their ideal nature space.

6. If trees could talk (Art & Literacy)

What would trees say if they could talk? Give a tree a name. Write a poem for our poet-tree.

Additional optional activity: Planting and growing (Biology)

Plant and grow your own food. Using seeds or food scraps, #getsetsow!

- Recommended for upper key stage 2 classes.