

Subject Report

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This year we have again celebrated outdoor classroom day in November and as always this went down a treat. Classes have also had the opportunity to access the outdoor classroom and have been encouraged to use it to teach sessions that link to all areas of the curriculum. As a school we have achieved the Level 4 RHS School Gardening award and will be working towards Level 5 next year! Outdoor learning has been identified as an area to develop on the school improvement plan for the school year 2024-2025. We will also be working towards the school impact award in outdoor learning and hopefully will have completed the award by summer term 2025.

We have been working very closely with the Earnest Cook Trust in how we can develop our outdoor learning as a whole. We have secured an area at the front of the campus which will be used as a Forest School area and should be ready for use in September 2024. At this time a scheme of work will be being given to all teachers and being trialled through all classes. Lower school NR-Year 3 classes will have access to the outdoor classroom and will be working on exploring and learning through nature and using the outdoor classroom to enhance learning in all subject areas throughout the curriculum. Upper school Year 4 – 6 will be accessing the forest school area and will have structured forest school sessions and will also be encouraged to take learning outside the classroom throughout the curriculum as often as possible.

I am going to be undertaking training in 'Supporting Children with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties in the Outdoors' once I have completed the course I will be delivering Whole school training as well as training for smaller groups of staff who are working with our sensory learners and encouraging them to use the outdoor classroom with these learners.

