

Intent

Why do we teach Outdoor Learning?

In Braeburn we understand that the local community sits highly on the national percentage of deprived areas. We, as an academy, understand that lots of our children do not have equality of opportunity to experience the world outside of the school setting.

We teach outdoor learning so that children have hands-on experiences through which they develop their understanding and application of our school values and successful learning skills. All outdoor learning is planned around the curriculum currently being studied, which gives depth, enrichment and an outdoor perspective for our children. We want children to have the opportunity to be able to explore and learn outside throughout the year, experiencing the seasons and changing nature around them. Outdoor Learning is about exploration, resilience and learning in a stimulating, relaxing and enriched



environment. It allows our children “Freedom with purpose” to connect with the outdoor environment and everything that entails. Forest School promotes risk taking, independence and self-awareness for all children (and adults).



In addition to this, we also give our children as many once in a lifetime opportunities with trips around the local area.

This is why outdoor learning is a major part of our enrichment provision at Braeburn Primary and Nursery Academy.

Long term Plan

Forest school sessions will be planned linked to the curriculum taught in the classroom room with following forest school topics underpinning learning throughout the year.

- Shelters
- Fires
- Knots
- Tools
- Birds
- Bulbs and Planting
- Signs of Spring
- Care in the community
- Field to Fork



Links to class books, number work, science and other curriculum subjects will be made. For example - Making a shelter for Stig from Stig in the dump or Irreversible reactions using the campfire. As well as these links outdoor learning has the ability to be flexible and adaptable to the special events, weather and children's needs

Success

By the time children leave our school they will have:



- enjoyed hands-on experiences learning outdoors which will add to their understanding and learning of a wide variety of curriculum areas.
- developed imagination and creativity through exploration of the outdoors.
- developed resilience through challenging activities and working in all weathers.
- developed cooperation skills through teamwork.
- an understanding of nature, the world around us, growing plants and vegetables Have contributed to the development of our school grounds and looking after the world around us.
- had several (possible) once in a lifetime opportunities.