

LEARNING PROGRAMMES FOR EYFS AND LOWER KEY STAGE 1 AT KINGSWOOD

◆ Earth Day

An exciting day exploring the natural environment. Activities include sensory investigations like smelly pots and magic spots, collecting colours, meeting trees, nature touch and getting creative with natural materials.



◆ Run, Rabbit, Run

A day of fun and hands on learning, over the hill and under the trees. The children become rabbits for the day, experiencing the woodland world, following the rabbit trail and looking for rabbit burrows, whilst learning about care and respect for living things and the environment. Face painting included. The children will explore and use the senses in the woodland areas.



◆ Ladybug Hunt or Minibeast Safari

Another exciting Spring/Summer day linked to the knowledge and understanding of the natural world. The children explore as little ladybirds (with some larger ladybirds leading!) by going on a bug hunt and looking for a wide range of minibeasts in varied habitats including the ponds. A hands-on experience which will enable children to investigate the needs of living things whilst fostering care and respect for living things and the environment. On safari they will hunt under logs, shake the trees and sweep the long grass.



◆ The Three Little Pigs

An opportunity to explore materials through the story of The Three Little Pigs. The children will take a journey around the grounds, looking for different materials and making, sorting, collecting, handling and creating on their way. They will explore straw, willow structures and a wall of bricks. After mud painting the children will learn how to move sticks safely and finally make a shelter for their little pig!



◆ Forest School Experience-'Woodlanders'

An exciting opportunity for the under or over fives to support and nurture their most vulnerable and needy children. Up to 12 children will be collected in our mini bus and as 'Woodlanders' will explore the Forest School as part of a structured programme for a half day session for up to six weeks. This positive and enriching experience enables the children to develop their independence and self esteem.



◆ Forest School Taster Day

Come and spend a day in the woods and explore the base camp and Forest School activities tailored to meet any age group—handle materials, tools and get close to nature. Spend the whole day outdoors and eat around the camp fire.



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SCIENCE AT KEY STAGE 1

◆ Investigating Minibeasts

Explore the habitats of a wide range of minibeasts and make comparisons between them. Be able to describe similarities and differences between them. Make accurate drawings and use appropriate vocabulary to describe them. Choose from a range of activities including pond dipping, minibeast safari and leaf litter investigations.



◆ Exploring Animal Homes and Habitats

Explore the Kingswood grounds and Kingswood Common to find a wide range of animal homes and habitats. Practical activities include the experience of going underground and meeting our animals including Rabbits, tortoises, land snails and guinea pigs. Children can begin to understand the needs of living things and the importance of caring for them and the environments that they live in. environment.



◆ Investigating Plants and Trees

Explore the grounds of Kingswood to find a wide variety of plants and trees including the Kingswood Oak together with practical activities like Meet a Tree, Leaf Litter investigations and Leaf I Spy. Children can develop an understanding of the importance of trees and plants and the responsibility we have to take care of our environment.



◆ Exploring Materials

Explore natural materials around the grounds of Kingswood. Children will have experience of describing materials, sort them and learn about their properties and uses in the built environment. Learn about the importance of recycling and care for our environment. Look out for different sculptures and features around the site and learn about the materials they have been created from



◆ Seasons at Kingswood

Be able to explore and use the senses around Kingswood throughout the different seasons in the countryside environment. Observe seasonal changes in the natural environment. There are separate Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter activities. Enjoy a sunny day, blow in the wind or sledge in the snow—each experience will create a lasting memory.



LEARNING PROGRAMMES FOR KEY STAGE 1/2 AT KINGSWOOD

GEOGRAPHY AT KEY STAGE 1 and 2

◆ **Maps and Directions**

Use practical activities to introduce work on directions, geographical vocabulary and fieldwork skills. Explore routes such as the String Trail and the Tracks Trail. Identify and describe where features are positioned on a map through photographs in the grounds of Kingswood. Orienteer with a treasure map to find the treasure. Learn about coordinates and compass directions.



◆ **Exploring a Rural Locality**

Explore the grounds of Kingswood and Kingswood Common to make comparisons with the school locality. Investigate and observe the features of the countryside using maps and photographs. Find out about the countryside through sight, touch, smell and sounds. Learn about the Countryside Code and how to explore the countryside safely..



HISTORY AT KEY STAGE 2

◆ **Children in World War 2**

Visit our air raid shelters and learn about how people lived in the local area and consider why things have changed over time. Listen to songs from that era and consider what Wartime childhood would have been like. Handle artefacts, dress up in clothes and role play activities. Play with everyday materials and explore natural resources through a variety of creative activities.



◆ **The Stone Ages Experience**

Learn about and investigate the life of the stoneage through practical activities. Look at how stoneage people lived, what they built how they hunted. Consider what evidence we have to help us understand life in the stoneage and how the evidence is collected by archaeologists.



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AT KEY STAGE 2

◆ **Forest School Survival**

Forest School is not just for Key Stage 1. Have an adventure in the woods and take a lesson in team work—learn about survival and how to keep yourself safe outdoors. Use tools, get creative with twigs and other natural materials and cook something on the campfire. This will be something to remember.



◆ **Eco Warriors**

Understand the need to save the earth's resources. Investigate a range of energy forms through practical investigation, both in the manmade and natural world. Experiment with energy kits—solar power, wind and heat energy. Consider ways to become an eco warrior at home and school.

