

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Here at Warstones, we are privileged to have some amazing woodland areas. Our 'Wild Tribe' sessions allow our learners the time and space to develop skills, interests and understanding through the practical hands on experience to explore these areas around school. Wild Tribe has been developed based on the principles of Forest School but links much more with the curriculum.

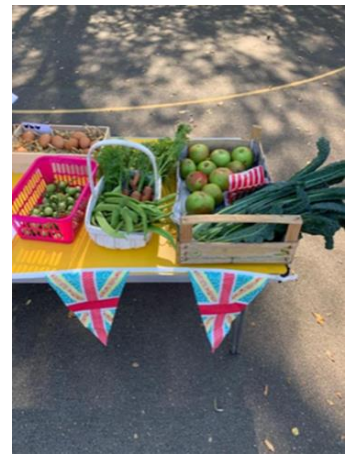


We aim to enable and develop each individual child according to their needs; addressing educational, emotional, spiritual, and physical aspects of learning. We teach skills and develop confidence in an enjoyable and relaxed way. Our outdoor learning sessions develop independence through peer learning, with the adults providing support and enabling activities. It aims to encourage children to take on new challenges, take risks, and persevere with difficulties.

Each class has a dedicated outdoor learning day once each half term where, come rain or shine, they spend the day out in the elements, using nature to help with curriculum areas such as geography, maths, PSHE, science, art and much more. This has a positive impact on the children's wellbeing and is a day that everyone looks forward to!



In addition to our dedicated outdoor learning days, we also have our school garden which was set up by staff and children during the first COVID lockdown. In our garden, we grow a variety of produce which we then use for our 'Take what you need' table which is set up to allow our families to take produce home with them.



The school garden is also used for excellent learning opportunities when it comes to scientific topics regarding plants and growth, as well as geographical links for climate and how weather affects growth.

Through fundraising, Friends of Warstones have helped us to purchase seeds for our garden and we hope to build a potting shed to help further develop our understanding of plant growth.

Our learners in Early Years have made bird baths and pot holders and we even did a whole school competition where each year group tried to grow the best pumpkin.

In 2022, we are launching our Gardening Club where children from across Key Stage 1 and 2 can come and tend the garden after school and help to care for our outdoor spaces.



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