

Forest Schools Programme

- Starting in nursery all of our children have the opportunity to visit Holme Hill once a week.
- This continues into Primary 1 and 2
- Once in Primary 3 the children will receive a block of forest schools once a year

Journeying

The skills the children acquire as part of their Learn Wild experiences should ultimately lead them to being able to plan and undertake their own "Journey" by whatever means they feel most appropriate

e.g Hill Walking, Cycle trip, Darn Walk

John Muir Award

This is completed by children in Primary 5/6 or 7 and takes place every second year. The setting for this award can be any local green space.

It requires completion of a learning plan and submission of children's learning journals so that an award can be received

Transport

When taking learning outdoors consider the use of local transport links and offer. All transport should be booked by a member of the Admin staff.

- Train 2 adult free
- Historic Scotland bursary
- Local bus service
- Woodland trust free travel bursary
- Parent Council Subsidy

Taking Learning Outdoors "Learn Wild"

Regular access to a safe and stimulating outdoor space provides an opportunity to deliver all aspects of the formal, informal and hidden curriculum in a way that meets the needs of our children and young people for hands-on experiences and physical activity. The core values of our Curriculum echo the key concepts of outdoor learning: challenge, enjoyment, relevance, depth, development of the whole person and an adventurous approach to learning.

Residential Trips

- All children have at least one opportunity during their time at primary school
- All residential trips must be approved by Stirling Council
- Currently the primary 7 residential experience takes place in September to Dalguise and this is undertaken with our Learning Community as a key part of our transition programme

School/grounds

Staff are encouraged to make best use of the outdoor learning environment within our own school grounds. Considering taking learning outdoors when appropriate

- Barrel Orchard
- Raised beds
- Loose materials
- B.E.R.T.T

Local Area

Staff should familiarise themselves with our local area and use this to enhance learning

Dunblane Hydro, Fortnightly trips to library, Holme Hill, Ochloch Park, Co-op, Tesco, Cathedral, Allan Water, Post Office, KippenDavie Wood

Day Long Experiences

- Staff are encouraged to seek out opportunities to enhance children's learning experiences through school excursions linked to their learning contexts
- We undertake a Whole school trip once every two years linked to learning contexts
- All school trips should have risk assessment completed prior to departure and signed by a member of the senior management team