

Outdoors makes a great environment for pupils to become involved and to:

- **Communicate**
- **Experience sensory activities**
- **Make choices**
- **Follow instructions**
- **Increase confidence**
- **Increase independence**
- **Improve emotional wellbeing and mental health**
- **Have fun learning**

Willowbank was 2018 winner of the 'O' Factor Award



Be the best you can be!

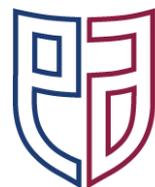


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Outdoor Education at



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Opportunities for outdoor learning exist within and across all curriculum areas, including the themes for development across learning such as enterprise in education, sustainable development education and global citizenship.

Different outdoor learning experiences offer opportunities for personal and learning skills, development in areas such as communication, problem solving, information technology, working with others and thinking skills.



Measurement



Colour Treasure Hunt

Outdoor environments and surroundings act as a rich stimulus for creative thinking and learning. This affords opportunities for challenge, enquiry, critical thinking and reflection. Learning in the outdoors can make significant contributions to literacy, numeracy, and health and wellbeing



Counting and writing

All aspects of the curriculum can be explored outside. The sights, sounds and smells of the outdoors, the closeness to nature, the excitement most children feel, the wonder and curiosity all serve to enhance and stimulate learning.



Planting Bulbs

Outdoor learning, used in a range of ways, will enrich the curriculum and make learning fun, meaningful and relevant for children and young people. It can deliver sustainable development education through initiatives such as working to improve biodiversity in the school grounds, and exploring and engaging with the local community.



POLO (Power Off, Learn Outside) DAY



Fun on the Roundabout

Primary children access the Caledonian Award Scheme whereas senior pupils have the opportunity to use outdoor education as part of SQA, John Muir, Duke of Edinburgh and Green Tree Schools awards.