

# Outdoor Learning at St Leonard's Primary

*Inspire, believe, together we achieve.*

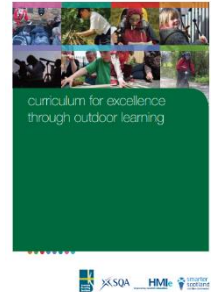


## Why is Outdoor Learning Important?

We believe it is important for all children to have the opportunity to experience outdoor learning. By having this opportunity, research suggests that children will gain confidence, develop social skills and physical skills. It has also been found to boost children's self-esteem, self-confidence and builds a positive attitude to learning (Learning Through Landscapes, 2022).

This is supported by the Scottish Government and is part of the Scottish Curriculum. Outdoor learning encourages children to deepen their understanding of their learning in class and explore this in a new context. This promotes lifelong learning and develops critical thinking skills (Learning and Teaching Scotland, 2010). In addition to this, it allows children to evaluate and manage risks when decision making in a safe way with the support of an adult.

Teachers will plan for meaningful experiences that will support children in developing skills and building on their prior knowledge within curricular areas such as literacy, maths and science.



## What Outdoor Learning may look like for your child...



The variety of experiences that your child may have to engage in outdoor learning will differ during their school career.

Here are some examples:

- All classes experience regular outdoor learning throughout the year within the school grounds.
- Some will take outings to local green areas. For example: the glen.
- Forest Kindergarten
- Residential opportunities such as Ardroy in P7
- Day trips to Fordell Firs and/or Lochore Meadows

## Support from Home

To ensure that your child has the best outdoor learning experiences, we do rely on support from home. We would greatly appreciate that your child comes to school with appropriate footwear and a jacket every day.

If your child is going out with the school grounds you will be notified, however, we would appreciate that your child has appropriate clothing for this. For example, old clothes (as they may get wet and muddy), wetsuits, wellies, hat, scarf, sunglasses etc.



If you have any issues supplying these items, please inform the class teacher.

We, at St Leonard's, hope that you will help us to support your child's learning journey through Outdoor Learning.

If you have any questions or would like to attend a session with your child, please do not hesitate to email us at [stleonardsps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:stleonardsps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk).

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.