

The Creative Outdoors

Foundation Stage

- Children will sing outdoor-themed songs. (CO 1)
- Children will play imaginatively in 'tiny worlds', created using natural resources. (CO 2)
- Children will make a variety of collections using natural resources and use these in creative ways. (CO 3)
- Children will mark-make using a variety of natural materials. (CO 4)
- Children will use sticks in a variety of creative and imaginative ways. (CO 5)
- Children will use their senses to explore and describe natural objects. (CO 6)

Years 1 & 2

- Children will sing outdoor-themed songs. (CO 1)
- Children will play imaginatively, using models/characters created using natural resources. (CO 2)
- Children will collect seasonal, natural resources and present these in organised, creative ways. (CO 3)
- Children will understand how to use the colours of natural materials (mud, leaves, moss, grass etc.) to camouflage objects. (CO 4)
- Children will begin to manipulate (wrap) willow, creating simple shapes (which may be decorated). (CO 5)
- Children will understand how to create hanging decorations, joining natural resources with simple knots (and/or wire). (CO 6)

Years 3 & 4

- Children will sing traditional campfire songs. (CO 1)
- Children will play imaginatively, using props and characters created using natural resources. (CO 2)
- Children will be inspired by the work of outdoor artists, when collecting and creating intricate designs from natural resources (circles / spirals). (CO 3)

- Children will understand how to use natural colourings (from foraged ingredients) and other natural materials to mix pastes and create primitive drawings. (CO 4)
- Children will understand how to combine mud and other ingredients (to vary texture) with sticks, to create structures. (CO 5)
- Children will manipulate (bend) willow, with adult demonstration through step-by-step instructions. (CO 6)
- Children will understand how to make natural hanging decorations, combining a willow structure, wrapping, knotting and natural resources. (CO 7)

Years 5 & 6

- Children will sing traditional campfire songs. (CO 1)
- Children will understand how to use the features of trees and other natural resources, to enhance tree characters (made of mud), and develop creative stories about their existence. (CO 2)
- Children will be inspired by the work of outdoor artists when creating intricate designs and sculptures (including 3D elements or structures), from natural resources. (CO 3)
- Children will manipulate (weave) willow, with adult demonstration through step-by-step instructions. (CO 4)
- Children will understand how to cut and join willow to create 3D shapes, enhancing their designs with dried, natural decorations. (CO 5)
- Children will understand how to make natural frames and looms, decorating and weaving with natural resources. (CO 6)