



Archbishop Cranmer C of E Primary Academy

‘Striving for Life in All its Fullness’ John 10:10

Outdoor Learning Calendar



At Archbishop Cranmer, we greatly value the opportunities and impact of the outdoor environment and how this enriches pupils’ learning. In light of this, we view the outdoor environment as an extension of our classrooms, where teachers actively plan a wealth of activities and experiences which develop skills across the curriculum and make use of the outdoor environment. Outdoor learning opportunities feature within teachers’ medium term planning, which illustrates how such activities are interwoven into the day-to-day provision that we provide. This document showcases a snapshot of the annual events that take place alongside these activities at a whole school, class and group-based level.

Autumn Term			Spring Term			Summer Term		
Date	Event	Impact	Date	Event	Impact	Date	Event	Impact
<i>Throughout the Autumn Term</i>	Forest School Sessions Foundation and Year 1	Pupils develop confidence, social and communication skills, motivation, physical skills, respect, knowledge and understanding of their local environment. <i>See Progression of Skills documentation</i>	<i>Throughout the Spring Term</i>	Forest School Sessions Year 3, 4 and 2	Pupils develop confidence, social and communication skills, motivation, physical skills, respect, knowledge and understanding of their local environment. <i>See Progression of Skills documentation</i>	<i>Throughout the Summer Term</i>	Forest School Sessions Year 5 and 6	Pupils develop confidence, social and communication skills, motivation, physical skills, respect, knowledge and understanding of their local environment. <i>See Progression of Skills documentation</i>
<i>Throughout the Autumn Term</i>	Trips and Visits to local attractions	Pupils benefit from the cultural capital of our local area. They experience outdoor learning opportunities and build confidence outside the classroom.	<i>Throughout the Spring Term</i>	Trips and Visits to local attractions	Pupils benefit from the cultural capital of our local area. They experience outdoor learning opportunities and build confidence outside the classroom.	<i>Throughout the Summer Term</i>	Trips and Visits to local attractions	Pupils benefit from the cultural capital of our local area. They experience outdoor learning opportunities and build confidence outside the classroom.
<i>Throughout the Autumn Term</i>	Gardening Club	Pupils develop ownership and responsibility of their own learning environment by maintaining the outside area and procuring produce for wider school use.	<i>Throughout the Spring Term</i>	Gardening Club	Pupils develop ownership and responsibility of their own learning environment by maintaining the outside area and procuring produce for wider school use.	<i>Throughout the Summer Term</i>	Gardening Club	Pupils develop ownership and responsibility of their own learning environment by maintaining the outside area and procuring produce for wider school use.
September	Electing our Young Leaders and Pupil Parliament – Gardening Ambassadors and Ministers for the Environment	To reinforce roles and pupil voice as part of our school community and provide opportunities for reflection, initiative and responsibility with consideration for others in relation to the environment on a local and global scale.	<i>Throughout the Spring Term</i>	Caring for our Chickens	Chicken Leaders continue to take responsibility for feeding, caring for and socialising with our school chickens. They ensure that they are kept warm in winter months and prepare them for laying.	<i>Throughout the Summer Term</i>	Sun Safety	To recognise the importance of sun safety whilst outside through understanding the impact, deepening knowledge and influencing behaviour.
						<i>Throughout the Summer Term</i>	Caring for our Chickens	Chicken Leaders collect eggs laid by our chickens and provide them with free-range of school field at lunchtimes. They train new chicken leaders ahead of the next academic year.
<i>Throughout the Autumn Term</i>	Caring for our Chickens	Chicken Leaders, now in role, take responsibility for feeding, caring for and socialising with our school chickens.	January	Year 6 London Visit (Houses of Parliament)	To recognise and understand that we live in a democracy and understand the meaning of this. Pupils visit a contrasting locality to be able to compare urban and rural locations.	<i>Summer Term 1</i>	Foundation Stage Chick Hatching	Children learn about the life cycle of a chicken from incubation to adulthood. The children appreciate the awe and wonder of new life as chicks hatch and grow before being cared for in our own chicken coop!
			January	The Big Garden Bird Watch	Developing data collection skills and identification skills to input into the RSPB annual survey.	<i>Summer Term 1</i>	Years 1, 2, 3 and 5 Science - Plants	Children learn about the life cycles of plants, including what is needed to keep plants healthy. Pupils engage in hands-on investigations and activities which involve growing.
September	Archbishop Cranmer Horticultural Show	Pupils develop a vested interest in their own environmental impact, cultivating their own produce, creating using natural materials and celebrating the fruitfulness of the earth.	February	Children’s Mental Health Week	To raise awareness of mental health to support children in recognising the importance of taking care of one another’s mental health and offering tools to support them, focusing on the impact of the great outdoors.	May	Thy Kingdom Come	Celebrating God’s gift of the outdoors through celebrating this through prayer during the global wave of prayer.
September (Alternate years)	Flintham & District Ploughing Match and Show	Pupils discover the impact of agriculture in our locality and recognise the future career opportunities whilst developing appreciation for this field.	February	Careers Week	Supporting pupils to develop an awareness of careers available to them, including links with careers in the outdoor environment such as farming, gardening, forest school leaders.	May - July	Class Potato Growing Competition	To understand how potatoes grow and develop a sense of care and ownership that is linked with growing vegetables.
September/ October	Harvest Festival	To raise awareness of the work of charitable organisations and the positive effect this can have on society. To celebrate the fruitfulness of the earth.	March	Keep Britain Tidy – Litter Pick	To recognise the environmental impact that litter is having on our world and develop responsibility to take care of our world for the future.	May	Year 4 and 5 Residential Year 6 Residential	To develop independence, team building skills and learn the importance of working together, appreciation and understanding of others’ views through a range of outdoor opportunities..
November	Train Station Adoption – upkeep in support of Remembrance	To live out our school values, taking care of our community through the upkeep of the station with plants, herbs and marking significant historical events.	March	British Science Week	To celebrate all sciences and their importance in our everyday lives. To allow pupils awe and wonder and to encourage children to consider future pathways through sparking interest.	June	Sports Day and Potted Sports	To develop sportsmanship and the ability to work as part of a team during outdoor sports.
December	Year 3 Residential to York	To develop independence, team building skills and learn the importance of working together, appreciation and understanding of others’ views through a range of outdoor opportunities.	March	Tree Planting in the Local Area	To give back to our local community by planting trees and learning key skills involved with caring for the environment,	June	30 Days Wild in partnership with The Wildlife Trust	Pupils develop awareness through new opportunities and challenges to enable all pupils to get outdoors and enjoy nature through outdoor activities.
<i>Throughout the year</i>	Outdoor Library	Pupil foster a love for reading, engaging in this within the outdoor environment. Pupils recognise the mindful qualities of surrounding themselves in nature whilst enjoying a good book!	<i>Throughout Spring Term</i>	Year 5 Archbishop of York Young Leader Award	To learn about the qualities that make a good leader and be advocates for change in the local community. To give pupils a voice and opportunities to make a difference.	April - July	Sunflower and Wildflower Growing Competition	Linking with fruitfulness of the earth and teaching of The Parable of the Sower.

