

Outdoor Education – Tacolneston and Morley Federation

Outdoor Education takes place in a variety of different ways in the Tacolneston and Morley Federation. The schools are able to offer children large playing fields, nature gardens, beds for flowers and vegetables, a pond and woodlands. This is further enhanced by residential trips that include adventurous sports, nature trails, rope courses and initiative challenges. Outdoor Education is timetabled for every class from reception to year 6. We also have a Forest School Leader who is able to take groups of children into the Morley Community Woodland for Forest School activities.

Outdoor Education is a learning experience with its own distinct identity, but when it comes to the National Curriculum is there a better way to understand habitats in science, maps and grid references in Geography, creation in RE and exploration of art or music than by being outdoors? The Outdoor Education the children receive during their time in primary school gives them a lifelong love of nature and responsibility for the global environment. When children return to visit they speak positively of their experience and how it provided them with a sense of place and belonging to a community.

Providing this connection with the environment gives everyone, adults and children the chance to think, reflect and learn about themselves. The children's smiles, engagement, as well as their personal and social development tell us how essential this is to us, as a school federation and community.