

Outdoor Learning at Menston Primary School



At Menston Primary School we recognise the value of learning outside the classroom and we use our large, beautiful and well equipped outside space to provide stimulating, exciting and inclusive education throughout the seasons.



Y4 Pond dipping



Y6 Tree Identification



Tree planting



Y2 Age of a tree



EYFS Sandpit



Fairy houses

Learning outside the classroom

We recognise the value for children to learn *outside the classroom* and teachers are encouraged to regularly take lessons outside to enable purposeful, memorable and meaningful learning opportunities.



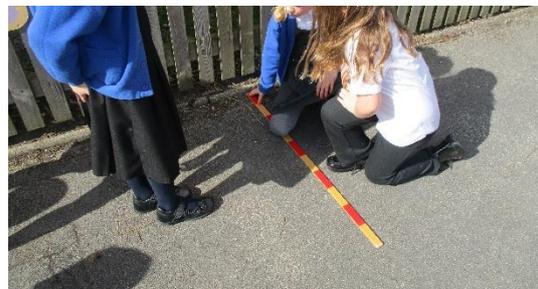
Team building



Shadows



Potato counting



Measuring



EYFS addition



Coordinates

At Menston Primary School we;

Use the outdoor space as a natural resource for learning.

Include the children when planning for learning outdoors.

Ensure that the outdoor area offers children the opportunity to investigate and explore, problem solve, use their imagination and creativity.

Give children the opportunity to work alone or in collaboration with peers or adults.

Teach the children to be safe.

Provide an effective environment which will take children's learning forward.

What the children say about Outdoor Learning at Menston Primary School

- "The Outdoor Day made us think a lot about how we had to work in different groups. I really enjoyed finding little objects to use as story starters – I have never done anything like that before."
- "Den building was so much fun! My group and I made a shelter which was quite small, so we all had to squeeze in order to fit in. This was a good thing though as it kept us nice and warm."
- "Our outdoor day was great! I loved how each activity was completely different. My favourite activity was story telling – I enjoyed using my imagination and having the freedom to tell a story about anything."
- "Den building was exciting! We had to work as one big team. We worked really well as a team; we listened to each other, we helped each other lift heavy equipment and we made a successful shelter!"
- "I found pond dipping fascinating! I loved discovering all the different creatures. My favourite creature was the leech; it was interesting to see it slithering up the side of the pond."

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