

Nature Park Grant

We have made a successful bid for the Nature Park Grant.

“The National Education Nature Park has made available a £15 million fund from the Department for Education which is administered by the Royal Horticultural Society. The grant is aimed at helping children and young people connect with nature through their education setting, such as a school, nursery or college.” (DfE)

We have been awarded a grant of £10,000 in order to achieve the following:

Aims:

- Biodiversity gain across the educational estate
- Development of green skills
- Young people exhibit pro-environmental behaviours
- Improved well-being for young people

Objectives:

- Involve young people in the funded project
- Increase biodiversity
- Make sustainable changes on the educational estate
- Increase young people’s green skills

We will seek to achieve these through the following:

- Further enhance our outdoor environment and in particular, gardening as one of our areas of continuous provision.
- We will focus on sustainability by growing more of our own fruit and vegetables which we will continue to use for cooking and healthy snacks.
- We will extend this to growing fruit and vegetables at the front of the building as a “community allotment”. You may have seen that we have begun to create this space by planting a willow fence. The willow has been cut from our existing plants and will grow roots to create a living fence. This space will then contain planters growing fruits and vegetables.
- Families can help themselves to produce which can be used for meals/snacks at home and will contribute to their child’s 5 a day.
- We are planting a number of trees on site to increase the number of birds and other wildlife to the school site. The children will be actively involved in monitoring and helping care for the birds and insects that visit us

We would welcome any further ideas and suggestions you have to support with this project.



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