



OUTDOOR LEARNING SESSIONS

Local History or Geography study

Explore the local landscape and heritage through hands on activities. The session focuses on the geography or history of the area, or a mixture of both. The activities have been designed to provide first-hand observation and enhance local awareness of the natural environment and historic features.

Session can be adapted to suit EYFS, KS1, KS2 and KS3, and delivered within a range of locations. If time allows, two locations can be used to provide comparisons. The selection of activities delivered, will depend on the age, location and weather on day. Please inform if you have a particular focus.

Local Geography and History activities

Landscape discovery

Children will use the basic geographical vocabulary to identify human and physical features. Then describe how these features could change in different seasons and weather conditions.

Historical maps

Using different OS maps and historic drawings, the children can see the changes over time within the area. Compare how the features have changed during different periods to now.

Chronological framework

Children will be given pictures of local features and items and will have to put them in an order depending on the questions, including time, value, purpose, use.

Journey sticks

The children can use journey sticks to collect natural materials that represent features or historical objects and their uses. It can also be used as a sensory exploration tool.

Local History activities

Local historic people

The children will learn about local people who influenced the area, find out where they lived, the life they had and the legacy they left. The children will use different sources of info.

Myths, legends and true stories

Through different local stories, the myths, legends and true story can be discovered. Using reenactment, poetry, land art and story telling the children will understand the imagery, emotions, characters and impact these stories had on the local area over time.













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Geography activities

Landscape draw/Sketch map

The children sketch the landscape view. Then label the features they can see. Comparisons made between, natural or manmade features, plus how the view has changed over time.

If it is a sketch map, add all appropriate symbols, key, labels to map.

Compass Directions

The children will use simple compass directions, locational and directional language to navigate around the landscape on a challenge. Maps can be used to follow instructions.

Mapping

Using OS maps to see features in-situ and on paper. The children can annotate maps with features, sensory exploration, land use type and feelings. Add keys and correct symbols.

Mini river studies

Carry out a mini river investigation. This could be about the use of the river in the area, the river flow direction and relation to other water systems, plus links to the water cycle.

Local Tourism

Studying the impact of people within the landscape, on the environment, economic and local community. The children can study the positive and negative out comes of erosion, cars, tourists, wildlife and the impact it has on the community socially and economically.

Landscape comparison

Depending on the location, the children can compare urban and rural areas using the activities above. Talk about the impacts the local geography has had over the years.

National Curriculum links

KS1

Locational knowledge, place knowledge and human and physical geography

Local historical events, people and places

Spoken language, reading , writing, numbers, geometry,

KS2

A local history study using historical terms

Locational place knowledge, geographical skills and fieldwork, human and physical geography Spoken Language, reading , writing, numbers, geometry.

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