

OUTDOOR LEARNING AT SANDBROOK



Learning in the Outdoors

We have had lots of lessons taught outside this year. Our forest area is frequently used and the children have been exploring all parts of our school grounds to help them with their learning. Learning outside the classroom is known to contribute significantly to raising standards and improving pupils' personal, social & emotional development.

Chicks

This year we incubated 15 chicken eggs. They all hatched just before Easter and we have been watching them grow from tiny fluffy chicks into big feathery chickens. We have kept 4 in our courtyard and holiday club and pet club have enjoyed taking care of them.



Bikeability

Every year, children in Year 5 take part in a bicycle road safety week. The children learn how to use their bikes correctly and safely whilst out on public roads. This year it was cold and windy but the children had a great time and the leaders from Bikeability commented on how well behaved our children were.

Art Afternoon

This year some parents and their children from Reception classes went for a walk to our school forest area. We looked at the colours and patterns on leaves and brought some back into school to make prints with. With some help from ceramic artists, we made ceramic tiles to display in the courtyard – they look fantastic and we all had lots of fun making them.



Gardening club

The gardening club have been planting lots of vegetables and flowers in the courtyard. Some children have also been weeding the courtyard to make it look neat and tidy. Thank you to parents and staff for helping us collect over 3000 Morrison's Let's Grow vouchers! These helped provide the children with lots of gardening equipment.



Pet Club

Our Pet Club is one of our most successful and popular clubs. Four very keen and responsible girls from Year 6 have been cleaning out our animals twice a week and helping to feed them every week. We are currently looking for four more caring children from Year 5 to take over in the new school year. Our Sandbrook pets include rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, fish, degus and a hamster.

Recycling

At Sandbrook we aim to recycle all our used paper and card. We recycle Christmas cards after Christmas for the Woodland Trust. Unwanted photocopied sheets are reused by the Reception classes to make models. Other paper is shredded and used as bedding for our animals which is then composted for use in gardening club.