

Back to School

Here are some ideas of how you can use the beautiful outdoors in a fun and safe way. Please ensure you have read the <u>Introduction to Norfolk Autumn Outdoors</u> for some important safety tips to help you along your way.

We have made this guide interactive so please click on the blue underlined section to follow the website links.





Give back (and care)



Take notice of nature

- Ways to support students back to school. For: parents, young people, <u>Teachers</u> and <u>Special</u> <u>Education Needs & Disabilities</u>
- Take care getting to and from school, including:
 Road safety and Teaching road safety
 - Cycling and Cycling support funding
 - Can you make a commitment to reduce waste?
- Eden project have some great ideas
- What did you miss in your school grounds?
- Use the Norfolk Autumn Outdoors <u>'Changing</u> <u>Seasons</u>' activity sheet to observe Autumnal changes in the school grounds
- Look out for: <u>fruits and seeds</u>, <u>Daddy-long legs</u> (<u>Crane fly</u>) and <u>ladybirds</u> looking to hibernate
- Enjoy windy days. Use the <u>Beaufort Scale</u> to help you measure the <u>wind</u>
- Study the <u>stars</u>. Four ways to <u>bring night sky</u> <u>into your classroom</u>









Be active in the outdoors

- Use the walk or drive to school to wake up with thinking and speaking games like <u>the picnic</u> <u>game</u> and <u>Fortunately/Unfortunately</u>
- Being in nature can make you happier.
- Keep your area and school tidy by <u>litter picking</u> together on the way to and from school
- Everyone will have had different experiences since you last saw them, ask about them as part of reconnecting.
- Make an Autumn ID dial
- <u>Make an Anemometer</u> to watch the wind speed
- Go on an Autumn Treasures Hunt
- See about <u>creating a map</u> and setting up an <u>orienteering course</u> or <u>photo orienteering</u> at your school
- Organise outdoor games like football, cricket, golf, hide and seek, <u>forty-forty</u>, manhunt, <u>keeper</u> of the keys or <u>other games</u>
- Can you locate all of the Autumn items from the <u>spotter sheets</u> (what items from other seasons can still be found?)
- Some simple Outdoor Nature lessons
- Learn about Science Citizen and projects
- The Norfolk Coast is full of history and fossils
- What can we learn from soil?
- Discover how to navigate <u>without a map</u>
- Look out for <u>tracks</u> and other <u>evidence of animals</u> in your school grounds
- Learn how does <u>exercise affect your body</u>
- Learn why some leaves change colour and drop

For further resources visit;

- <u>Government guidance</u> for re-opening in COVID19
- BBC article on school returning first-day nerves
- Woodland Trust First Signs of Autumn
- Free teaching resources
- Encourage wildlife using ideas from <u>The Wilderness Foundation</u>





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