

The ideal venue for Primary School Trips!

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Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

Primary Outdoor Education

Our qualified and experienced tutors can provide a tailor made series of sessions during your school trip. See below for a list of activities which can be adjusted to fit the needs of your class and topic.

### Teddy Bears Picnic

Bring your teddies along for the day to learn the requirements for life for Teddy Bears (and all other living creatures) through a series of environmental activities. Follow the paw print trail, use your senses to discover the wonders of the natural world and enjoy your picnic lunch with your teddies in our beautiful grounds.



### Tree and Plant Activities

A programme of activities to learn all about plants and trees within the setting of our woods and fields. Follow the tree trail to identify leaves, fill out your tree passport and play some fun games linked to plant growth and pollination.

### Environmental Art

Ideas from Andy Goldsworthy's environmental art are used to make pictures and sculptures! Collect leaves, sticks and stones to create amazing art outside.

### Sensory Activities

Children learn to use their senses to explore the world around them in our grounds. Use your sense of smell to make a "Smelly Cocktail", look for different colours in nature and follow the 'Un-nature Trail' through the woods.



### Pond Study

Children explore the masses of pond life beneath the murky waters of our ponds.

### Minibeasts

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## Key Stage 2

## Primary Outdoor Education

We have a wealth of activity options for Key Stage Two groups. All our programmes of study are tailor made and can link to whatever topics are being taught in the classroom.

### Geography and Geology

#### Climate Change

Learn about climate change and global warming through activities that explain our impact on the planet.

#### Geology Workshop

Explore rocks, soils and fossils in this classroom-based workshop. Learn about the different types of rocks and how they form, investigate soils and get hands on with some real fossils.

#### River Studies

Learn about the parts of a river using our giant sand tray, then make your own mini river models to see what happens during a flood. Visit a local river and measure key features such as width, depth and velocity before doing a river dip to catch invertebrates.

#### Village Studies

Learn about some of the key features and history of our local villages using a map and questions to explore the area. Village studies can be carried out either in our local area of Langton Matravers or at Worth Matravers.

#### Water Cycle Activities

Learn about the different parts of the water cycle and carry out some experiments to look at interception of rain by trees and measure surface runoff.

#### Weather Studies

Use our mini weather stations to make predictions and record the conditions in different microclimates.



## History

### Corfe Castle

Learn about local history during a tour of Corfe Castle. Hear some gory stories, dress up as historical characters and find out about the castle's role in the English Civil War. This can be combined with a walk in the local area to enjoy the scenery.

### Durlston Country Park

Find out about George Burt, the Victorian entrepreneur who set up this country park at the edge of Swanage. Look for wildlife and learn about local geology as you walk around the park and continue the day with a coastal walk back to Leeson House.

### Other Local History

Our village studies and local walks are a great way to learn about the history of the surrounding area. See the activity descriptions for more information.



## Maps, Compasses and Team Games

### Compass Skills

Find out the difference between the magnetic needle and the direction of travel arrow, then learn to walk on a bearing and test your new skills on the Games Field Compass Course.



### Map Skills

Learn about map symbols and coordinates in a series of activities. Play human battleships or have a go at map symbol bingo to test your knowledge.



### Team Games

Team-Building Games should help your class to bond and work together. While attempting the range of physical and mental challenges, children will be encouraged to share ideas, listen to others, plan and review, and learn about the different roles within a successful team.



### Orienteering & Off-site Orienteering

Learn about the parts of a map and then use it to find your way around our grounds following our green, red and yellow orienteering courses.

Off-site orienteering can be done following completion of Compass Skills and Orienteering. Use a map, compass and a set of instructions to follow a route across the fields surrounding Leeson House, answering questions as you go.

### Local Walks and Locations

Visit some of the wonderful scenery we have to offer on the Jurassic coast! Head out to Dancing ledge for a coastal walk, enjoy the views on a ramble to Corfe Castle, or visit Old Harry Rocks and Swanage bay.

#### Arne RSPB reserve

Look for birds and other wildlife as you walk around the reserve, do some sensory activities and enjoy your packed lunch while taking in the views over Poole harbour.

#### Dancing Ledge

One of our most popular walks is a trip to Dancing Ledge! Set out from Leeson House towards the coast to hear local stories, find out about geology and quarrying and spot some wildlife. Groups can also visit the ledge to look for fossils or make Jurassic art (weather dependent).

#### Kimmeridge

Hunt for ammonite fossils on the rocky ledges and explore the rockpools to look for crabs and winkles. Visits to the nearby Etches Collection Museum can also be arranged to see some amazing local fossils.

#### Studland and Old Harry

Visit the beautiful Studland bay and make models of the famous Old Harry Rocks, as well as exploring the sand dunes. From here you can walk out to Old Harry and continue over the headland to Swanage.

#### Nightwalks

Learn about astronomy, listen for nocturnal animals and hear some smuggling stories as you take an evening walk round our local countryside.



### Creative

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### Living Things

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#### Minibeasts

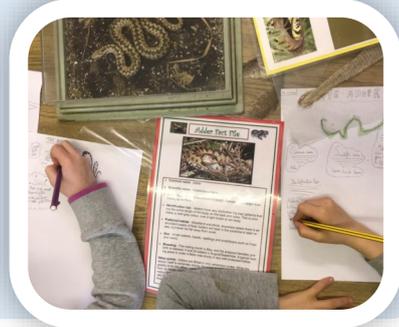
Compare different microhabitats and hunt for minibeasts under logs and in trees and bushes. Use mugs and paint brushes to scoop up invertebrates from the ground and try to catch some insects in our meadow with sweep nets.

#### Animal Trackers

Animal Trackers is a classroom activity which focuses on animal adaptations. Move around the different stations to find out about classification, identify footprints and draw some of our stuffed animals.

#### Off-site

Going off-site provides opportunities to study the rare habitats at Studland beach and the exciting rock pools of Kimmeridge Bay. See the activity descriptions for more information about these locations.



### Bushcraft

#### Fire Lighting

Practice your survival skills using natural materials found all around us at Leeson. Learn the science behind friction fire lighting techniques and try various methods used throughout the ages. If you're successful you might even get the chance to toast some marshmallows on your campfire!



#### Shelter Building

Another essential survival skill using materials from the natural world. Build a sturdy structure from branches and logs for you and your teammates. Will you all be cosy and snug or will you be soggy from the imminent rain storm?

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