



‘Building Resilience for Future Success’

Termly Plan 2025-2026

The Department for Education supports outdoor learning as a valuable tool for improving student engagement, wellbeing, and academic attainment.

The DfE recognises the benefits of taking learning outside to enhance, not replace, classroom education. It is officially encouraged, with a focus on "nature, outdoor and adventure".

Autumn Term

Week/Date	Topic/Resources	Learning Opportunities links to DFE KS4 POS, PSHE Curriculum, Skills Builder and Preparation for Adulthood
1	<p>Growing Food and Plants in the Garden</p> <p>Investigate which fruits and vegetables can be grown in the garden at this time of year and sowing seeds for later harvest, giving our young people a sense of achievement from seed to harvest.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; PLANNING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH</p>
2	<p>Growing Food and Plants in the Garden</p> <p>Investigating objects that can be used to plant and grow seeds, highlighting the importance of reusing and recycling.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; PROBLEM SOLVING; CREATIVITY PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING</p>
3	<p>Growing Food and Plants in the Garden</p> <p>Investigating how to make good compost.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING</p>
4	<p>Growing Food and Plants in the Garden</p> <p>Discovering common hand tools and their use.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; PROBLEM SOLVING; ADAPTING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING</p>
5	<p>Growing Food and Plants in the Garden</p> <p>Investigating methods of propagation and practise how to take a cutting from a parent plant.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; PLANNING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING</p>
6	<p>Growing Food and Plants in the Garden</p> <p>Plant suitable hardy vegetable seeds directly outdoors for overwintering and prepare for cold temperatures accordingly.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; PLANNING; PROBLEM SOLVING; ADAPTING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH</p>

7	<p>Growing Food and Plants in the Garden</p> <p>General garden maintenance week in preparation for winter and planting bulbs for spring which will highlight how planning can be beneficial and encourage a sense of responsibility.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; PLANNING; PROBLEM SOLVING; TEAMWORK; ADAPTING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; EMPLOYMENT</p>
8	<p>Conservation- Freshwater Dolphin Day (24 October)</p> <p>(Moving towards indoor learning for the colder months). Highlighting and discussing the conservation needs of freshwater dolphins.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK PfA COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>
Half Term		
1	<p>Forest and environmental awareness</p> <p>Investigating temperate forests - encouraging appreciation for local biodiversity and fostering environmental stewardship.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>
2	<p>Forests and environmental awareness</p> <p>Investigating tropical forests – empowering our young people to understand carbon footprints and advocate for conservation.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>
3	<p>Forests and tradition</p> <p>Indigenous People – fostering global empathy, cultural appreciation and an understanding of sustainable, eco-friendly lifestyles. Showing our young people different world views, promoting respect for indigenous people and their knowledge, and the value of community, whilst demonstrating how tradition can exist alongside modernity.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>
4	<p>Forests and environmental awareness</p> <p>Palm Oil (including deforestation) – fostering environmental awareness and empowering our young people to make ethical consumer choices, understanding global supply chains and support sustainable, RSPO-certified products to fight climate change.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; PLANNING; ADAPTING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING</p>

5	Forests and environmental awareness Investigating boreal forests – understanding carbon sinks, environmental stewardship and the importance of conservation.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA COMMUNITY INCLUSION
6	Conservation - International Animal Rights Day (10th Dec) Illegal wildlife trade – promoting empathy for animals, understanding ecological balance and empowering our young people as future consumers and policymakers to stop species extinction.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; PLANNING; ADAPTING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING
7	Conservation - Our Planet Our planet and the iconic image “Earthrise” highlighting the power of environmental photography, blending art, science, and advocacy. By bridging the gap between scientific data and public understanding, visual storytelling inspires action to protect the planet. “Earthrise” represents a profound moment in human history that shifted our perspective on Earth and our place in the universe.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING

Spring Term

Week/Date	Topic/Resources	Learning Opportunities
1	Houseplant week UK (6-12 Jan) An annual celebration aimed at boosting winter spirits, encouraging indoor gardening and promoting the mental health benefits of plants.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; PLANNING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH
2	Ocean Biomes and environmental awareness Intertidal zone – ocean literacy is an essential bridge between knowing the ocean’s value and taking action to save it. Including plastic pollution and the impact of the fishing industry and climate change.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; COMMUNITY INCLUSION
3	Ocean Biomes and environmental awareness Open ocean - ocean literacy is an essential bridge between knowing the ocean’s value and taking action to save it. Including plastic pollution and the impact of the fishing industry and climate change.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; COMMUNITY INCLUSION

4	<p>Ocean Biomes and environmental awareness</p> <p>Sea bed - ocean literacy is an essential bridge between knowing the ocean's value and taking action to save it. Including plastic pollution and the impact of the fishing industry.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>
5	<p>Ocean Biomes and environmental awareness</p> <p>The Abyss - ocean literacy is an essential bridge between knowing the ocean's value and taking action to save it. Including plastic pollution and the impact of the fishing industry and climate change.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>
6	<p>Sharks and conservation</p> <p>Replacing fear with fascination, understanding the important role of sharks in the ocean, and highlighting the need to protect these essential predators from threats like overfishing.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK; PfA COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>
Half Term		
1	<p>Conservation - International Polar Bear Day (27th Feb)</p> <p>Understanding the impacts of climate change, the importance of wildlife conservation and how to protect fragile ecosystems.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>
2	<p>Polar Biome and conservation</p> <p>Antarctica and the Antarctic Treaty – highlighting a unique, peaceful and unowned continent dedicated to science. Fostering understanding of global citizenship, sustainability and the protection of vulnerable ecosystems from climate change.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; CREATIVITY; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>
3	<p>Environmental Ethics</p> <p>Understanding how our actions directly impact nature and other living things, encouraging compassion for the environment and living sustainably.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; PROBLEM SOLVING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; COMMUNITY INCLUSION</p>

4	Deserts and adaptations Discussing extreme environments, biodiversity, and how organisms evolve over time to survive with limited resources.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING;
5	Coastal processes Understanding dynamic, changing environments, the impact of climate change and the necessity of protecting coastlines.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING;
6	Ecosystems and biodiversity Understanding that all life is interconnected and fostering a sense of responsibility to protect the planet.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; COMMUNITY INCLUSION
Summer Term		
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1	Earth Day (22nd April) Drawing attention to the environment and promoting conservation and sustainability.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; PLANNING; ADAPTING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; COMMUNITY INCLUSION
2	Wildlife in the Garden Butterflies – learning about wildlife in the garden encourages a connection to nature, promoting environmental stewardship, physical health and emotional wellbeing.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; CREATIVITY; PLANNING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH
3	Wildlife in the Garden Birds - learning about wildlife in the garden encourages a connection to nature, promoting environmental stewardship, physical health and emotional wellbeing.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; CREATIVITY; PLANNING; ADAPTING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH

4	<p>Wildlife in the Garden</p> <p>Wondrous worms - learning about wildlife in the garden encourages a connection to nature, promoting environmental stewardship, physical health and emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; CREATIVITY; PLANNING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH</p>
5	<p>World Bee Day (20th May)</p> <p>Understanding bee's crucial role as the planet's top pollinators.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; CREATIVITY; PLANNING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH</p>
Half Term		
1	<p>National growing for wellbeing week (2-8 June)</p> <p>Highlighting the mental and physical health benefits of gardening and growing your own food.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; CREATIVITY PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH</p>
2	<p>Creativity in the Garden</p> <p>Investigate how other people upcycle materials to use in the garden - inspiring imagination.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; CREATIVITY; PLANNING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH;</p>
3	<p>Creativity in the garden</p> <p>Garden art for wellbeing – inspiring imagination.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; CREATIVITY; PLANNING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH</p>
4	<p>Wildlife in the garden</p> <p>Exploring the secret life of garden creatures - learning about wildlife in the garden encourages a connection to nature, promoting environmental stewardship, physical health and emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; CREATIVITY; PLANNING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH</p>
5	<p>Growing plants in the garden</p> <p>Annual and perennial plants – understanding plant life cycles and planning a sustainable garden.</p>	<p>SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; PLANNING; ADAPTING</p>

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6	Creativity in the garden Wind mobiles and bird baths – inspiring imagination	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK; CREATIVITY; PLANNING; ADAPTING PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH
7	Mindfulness in the garden Merging the practise of being fully present in the moment with the natural, calming environment of a garden, creating an accessible from of self-care; boosting mood and overall wellbeing.	SB LISTENING; SPEAKING; TEAMWORK PfA INDEPENDENT LIVING; HEALTH