

Skelton Grange Environment Centre

Learning outside the classroom

A couple of miles from Leeds centre, Skelton Grange's award winning environment centre is surrounded by ponds, meadows, woodland and fruit & vegetable gardens.

Here we offer inspiring outdoor learning for 3-11 year olds following EYFS guidance and the new curriculum. Or we can focus on developing confidence, resilience and problem solving – and having fun!

Children are taught in small groups by our trained staff and volunteers, with hands-on learning at the heart of what we do.

...full list of sessions overleaf

“ Really enjoyed the day and children still raving about it! Staff commented on how wonderful it was to hear certain children so animated and taking a lead in aspects of the day, which would normally never happen. Teaching was top quality as always, very inclusive approach. WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL ”

Professional Development for teachers and childminders

We deliver INSET training for teachers and Early Years professionals, either in your own setting or at Skelton Grange. Current courses include: **Raising Standards by teaching Numeracy & Literacy Outside; Making the Most of the School Grounds, Environmental Games, Nature Play for Early Years or for Childminders.**

We also offer a range of holiday bushcraft days & playschemes, food & arts courses, team building & room hire, and conservation volunteering opportunities!



Join in, feel good!

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Bringing the Science Curriculum to life

Half day sessions for pre-school groups

Exploring Skelton Grange's nature area, themed around Spring, Ladybirds, Hedgehogs or Birds.

Foundation Stage days Spring, Minibeasts, Autumn or Winter, exploring Skelton Grange's nature area.

Years 1 & 2 days Minibeasts, Plants, Senses or Plants & Animals.

Years 3 & 4 days Rocks, Soils & Composting, Habitats, Minibeasts, Plants, Electricity and Wild in the Woods.

Years 5 & 6 days Interdependence & Adaptation, Lifecycles, Electricity and Wild in the Woods.

Wild in the Woods days help pupils develop particular skills such as resilience, cooperation, creative writing, numeracy and problem solving. We work with teachers to plan a session using a mixture of story, drama, games and challenges to create a totally immersive experience for the children. Past topics have covered Shelter, the Gunpowder Plot and Elizabeth I!

Celebration days for end of term, Christmas parties, end of SATs or anything else you wish to celebrate. **Pirate Adventure, Robin Hood or Survival Adventure days** consist of whole-group games, team activities, challenges and crafts to provide a memorable event for your class.

Outreach Sessions

Occasionally we can also come to you, running sessions in your school or children's centre. Please contact us to discuss your ideas.



We ask for £7.50 per pupil voluntary contribution towards the costs of a visit. Our fundraising team works hard to raise the majority of the costs to run the centre and nature reserve, pay staff to plan and lead sessions, train volunteers and maintain a safe environment for children. School visits are already subsidised by more than 75%, and we rely on teachers asking for voluntary contributions to keep these opportunities available to schools in future. We are able to offer a limited number of 2 for 1 sessions during the first half of Spring Term, and have lots of other fundraising ideas if you want to contact us.



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