

The RSPB's outreach offer

Six curriculum-linked 90-minute workshops to choose from; all delivered by trained RSPB educators.

Every workshop involves at least 30 minutes of outdoor discovery, allowing your pupils to experience the natural world first-hand. You'll get to see how beneficial learning outside the classroom is for the health, wellbeing and attainment levels of your pupils and the good news is you don't need transport to get there! Don't worry if you think your grounds have nothing to offer nature – we're here to help you find the biodiversity on your doorstep.

Primary

All workshops encourage working scientifically, using simple equipment and promote health and wellbeing.

Giving nature a home

This session is designed to help your pupils map your school for nature – identifying habitats that already exist and spotting opportunities for creating more. Armed with a scorecard, we will score your school for nature, and together work out how to make it more wildlife-friendly, and hopefully more attractive for children in the process. Curriculum Links: Living things and habitats, adaptation. Geographical skills and fieldwork.

Wild words

We'll be exploring the school grounds using all our senses, experiencing the natural world from a different perspective. The children will collect natural things and generate "wild words" around your chosen language focus enabling them to retell their journey back in class.

Curriculum Links: Forming, articulating, communicating and organizing ideas for creative and effective writing.

Bioblitz

Using simple nature detective equipment this session offers your pupils the chance to investigate the microhabitats around your school, to find species adapted to different environments and to broadly identify them using our *Spot It* guides. In autumn we might find animals tucked away for warmth and in summer they will be more active, keeping us on our toes!

Curriculum Links: Plants, animals, classification, seasonal changes. Counting, gathering and recording data.

Early Years

Learning outdoors promotes health and wellbeing, confidence and positive relationships. All workshops encourage critical thinking through active hands on learning.



Habitat explorer

Using simple detective equipment and embracing the importance of allowing children to explore, we become minibeast detectives hunting for existing habitats in your outdoor areas. We encourage children's thinking skills by asking which minibeast can be found in cool, dark spaces or who will we see warming their wings on spring flowers? This session inspires and encourages the exploration and development of homes for nature so that awe and wonder become part of everyday outdoor learning.

Curriculum Links: Exploring similarities and differences. Making links through observations of features in own immediate environment.

Sensing the world

In this workshop we'll take time to encourage children to look, listen, touch and smell, noting what they share their play with every day! They'll make their own nature collection, create smelly cocktails to decide which scents are nasty or nice, or consider the best shapes, textures and colours to use for creating wild art.

Curriculum Links: Share own preferences. Explore a variety of colour and texture. Talk about change when observing plants and animals.

Wild words

Who has left that glistening trail and how would it get up there? Is it raining today and where would an animal shelter? This is a session to encourage the use of wonderful wild words and develop language and vocabulary as we travel with you around your outdoor area, considering our walk from the perspective of an animal. We will collect the natural objects that we find to become prompts for sequencing a story to retell our outdoor experience.

Curriculum Links: Talk about events that have happened. Organise, sequence and clarify feelings and events. Use everyday language to compare quantities and objects.

