

Testwood Lakes Centre Activities for Key Stage 2

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Water World

Visit one of Southern Water's reservoirs and see where your water comes from! Play our water cycle game to understand the different stages. Walk to the river Test and Blackwater to observe river processes and features such as meanders, deposition and flow, and compare and contrast these two rivers. Dip nets in ponds/streams to discover what lives there and use pollution chart to see how clean the water is. Walk to our bird hide to observe a man-made wetland and climb the hill to observe the landscape, using aerial photos to help interpret it.

Seasonal availability: All year round.

Learning opportunities

- Human and Physical Geography
- Science - living things and their habitats
- Sustainability. Skills based



Celtic 'Role Play' Day

Step back in time and experience life in ancient Britain. Testwood Lakes is the home of the oldest bridge and boat in Britain. Meet an array of characters throughout the day who tell the story of the lakes' past. Dress your class and adults in Celtic attire and return to our roundhouse 3,500 years ago. Learn how to hunt and gather, weave and wattle and hear an ancient tale around the fire. When you're back in the present day, handle artefacts found when the lakes were dug and piece together their stories of the past. A fantastic hands-on dramatic experience for all!

Seasonal availability: Autumn and Spring

Learning opportunities

- History - Stone age to Iron Age.
- Drama, communication skills
- Sustainability, Teamwork, Citizenship

Rocks and Soils

Compare and contrast different rocks using our extensive rock and fossil collection. Investigate the soil in two different habitats - woodland and meadow - and record your findings. Become a soil scientist, using a soil augur and smudge test to look at the difference in the soil at the top and bottom of a slope. Learn about how soil is made by looking at the different layers of our wormery, and holding a worm and some 'worm poo'. Have a go at making your own soil using a special recipe.

Seasonal availability: All year round.

Learning opportunities

- Science - rocks, investigation
- Sustainability
- Teamwork





Maps and Compasses

Use a simple map to find eleven locations in our safe woodland area. Become familiar with ordnance survey maps and grid references using a more complex map. Learn about and use co-ordinates, direction, scale and orientation. Learn how to use a compass step-by-step then put these new skills to use with our compass trail. Explore the nature reserve and climb our hill to survey the area using binoculars and create your own map or field sketch.

Seasonal availability: All year round

Learning opportunities

- Geography- skills and fieldwork
- Literacy, Mathematics.
- Problem Solving, interdependence, independence, Skills based

World War 2 Evacuee Day and local history study

Experience a role-playing day, learning what it was like to be an evacuee in the New Forest in WW2. Fully costumed instructors will lead the day and bring WW2 back to life! Choose from the following activities: observing real local WW2 history on site, using binoculars to scout out foreign invaders, making charcoal for the war effort, constructing woodland hideouts, tracking and foraging, digging for Britain, swap shop and rationing, air raid siren training.

Seasonal availability: Autumn and Spring

Learning Opportunities

- Local History
- Sustainability
- Citizenship
- Skills based, team work



Other options

Whilst we do have this menu of activities, there is lots more that we can offer, including the following available all year:

Eco Challenge

Problem solving team challenges to develop awareness of our impact on the planet. Through 'hands on' activities and challenges, learn how each of us can do our bit to reduce our impact on the world's natural resources and ecosystems. Activities are themed around saving water, biodiversity loss, recycling/composting and small actions = big results. Participate in the 'Waste Free Lunch' challenge competing against other visiting school groups.

Learning opportunities: Human and physical geography, eco-Schools initiatives, teamwork, interdependence

Outdoor Artists

Explore abstract art and be inspired by nature's palette. Use the work of Andy Goldsworthy to inspire your outdoor art, creating 3D woodland sculptures using natural materials including mud, clay, logs and leaves. Explore the changing shades of nature's colours. Choose from a variety of mediums to develop skills, drawing and painting this beautiful lakes landscape. **Learning opportunities:** Art and Design outside the classroom with a range of materials. Links well with plant science and mathematics, (matching shapes, patterns and creating 3D structures), sustainability.

Survival skills

Learn some essential bushcraft skills such as shelter building and fire lighting – a great day for team building, developing confidence and self-esteem and learning about sustainability.

Minibeasts and habitats (summer and autumn term 1 only)

Explore a range of habitats including woodland, meadow and pond to find out what minibeasts live where. Use nets, pots and ID charts to look closely at the different minibeasts to identify and classify them. To further knowledge and understanding of certain animals or life cycles/food chains, take part in sensory activities or role-play games.





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