

# Outdoor Learning at Horncastle Primary

Outdoor Learning at Horncastle Primary is the use of places other than the classroom for teaching and learning including the school grounds; visiting local places such as religious buildings, shops and natural spaces; and further away on day visits to museums, heritage sites, theatres, field and adventure centres and for residential.

Research shows that healthier and happier children do better in school, and that education is an important determinant of future health. But education is not just about lessons within the four walls of a classroom. The outdoor environment encourages skills such as problem solving and negotiating risk which are important for child development.

We are seeking opportunities in all subject areas to take learning outside wherever possible. We want every child in our school to have the opportunity to regularly learn outside.

## Why Outdoor Learning?

- To help our children reflect and learn about themselves, each other and connect with the environment
- To increase academic achievement
- To support our pupil's mental health and wellbeing
- To develop a sense of place and community
- To understand the importance of caring for our global community

