

Muddy Hands Term 5 Programme



What's Coming Up Next Term in Muddy Hands...

Next term's Muddy Hands programme is packed with hands-on exploration, outdoor discovery and plenty of muddy fun. With the same group of children each week, the sessions will build on one another to deepen skills, confidence and curiosity.

Week 1: Pond Dipping – “Life Beneath the Surface”

Children will kick off the term by investigating the secret world of our school pond. Armed with nets and trays, they'll discover tadpoles, pond snails and other tiny creatures, learning how to identify them and talk about freshwater habitats. A brilliant way to spark curiosity from day one.

Week 2: Make a Grass Worm – “Grow Your Own Mini Creature”

This popular activity lets children create their very own grass-seed worm. They'll decorate, fill and shape their worm before taking it outside to water and place. Over the following weeks, they'll watch it sprout and grow – a lovely mix of craft, responsibility and science.

Week 3: Knot Tying – “Outdoor Skills for Adventurers”

Children will learn fun, practical knots used by explorers, climbers and den-builders. They'll practise tying strong, safe knots through games and team challenges, developing fine-motor skills, perseverance and problem-solving.

Week 4: Den Building – “Teamwork in the Wild”

Working in small groups, children will gather natural materials to design and build woodland dens. They'll experiment with different structures, test their strength and weather-proofing, and collaborate to create the perfect hideaway.

Week 5: Camouflage & Leaf Masks – “Blend Into the Wild”

This imaginative session invites children to create vibrant leaf masks using natural materials. Once their masks are complete, they'll try out stealth and hide-and-seek challenges, learning how animals use camouflage to stay safe in the wild.

Week 6: Pond & Grass Worm Check-In – “Becoming Environmental Scientists”

To finish the term, children will revisit the pond to see how spring wildlife has developed since Week 1. They'll also check on their grass worms to observe how much they've grown. This reflective, science-rich session helps children understand life cycles, change over time and the importance of caring for nature.