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## Outdoor Learning

Dear parents/ carers,

This half-term's focus unit in school will be Outdoor Learning. I'm writing to explain some of the activities we will be doing here in school but also some of the ways you can get involved at home.

### Outdoor Classroom

At Glade Hill we are GOLDEN and SPARKLE and this doesn't stop at the classroom door. We're committed to showcasing that learning can take place anywhere and during this focus unit we'll be maximising our excellent outdoor spaces. I'll be delivering a lesson for every class linked to their in classroom learning and I've also challenged class teachers to get out on the field, playground or into the woods for an additional outdoor lesson. Many of these lessons will be linked to class books to support our school improvement priorities in reading. Class teachers will inform you when your children's outdoor sessions are so you can ensure they are dressed appropriately with plenty of layers.

### RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch

EYFS and KS1 will, along with 1000s of other schools, be taking part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch to count and identify the birds that visit or live on our school site.

### Whole School Challenge

The National Trust have written a list of '50 things to do before you're aged 11¼' and the challenge we are setting to our school community is to not only to tick off all these challenges collectively but also to do it, where possible, within our area. If you complete a challenge and would like to add it to the interactive map on the school website please send an email to your class with a picture. To set us off Reuben Strachan aged 2½ has completed No.6 – 'Go Welly Wandering' - on the Hucknall Road Nature Reserve (pictured overleaf).

We look forward to seeing and hearing about all of your outdoor adventures,

Kind regards,

**George Strachan**  
*Outdoor Enrichment Lead*



1. Get to know a tree	14. Dam a stream	27. Go Stargazing	40. Go on a nature walk at night
2. Roll down a really big hill	15. Go on a wintry adventure	28. Climb a huge hill	41. Help a plant grow
3. Camp outdoors	16. Wear a wild crown	29. Explore a cave	42. Go swimming in the sea
4. Build a den	17. Set up a snail race	30. Go on a scavenger hunt	43. Help a wild animal
5. Skim a stone	18. Create some wild art	31. Make friends with a bug	44. Watch a bird
6. Go welly wandering	19. Play pooh sticks	32. Float in a boat	45. Find your way with a map
7. Fly a kite	20. Go paddling	33. Go cloud watching	46. Clamber over rocks
8. Spot a fish	21. Forage for wild food	34. Discover wild animal clues	47. Cook on a camp fire
9. Eat a picnic in the wild	22. Find some funky fungi	35. Discover what's in a pond	48. Keep a nature diary
10. Play conkers	23. Get up for the sunrise	36. Make a home for wildlife	49. Watch the sunset
11. Explore on wheels	24. Go barefoot	37. Explore the wonders of a rock pool	50. Take a friend on a nature adventure
12. Have fun with sticks	25. Join nature's band	38. Bring up a butterfly	
13. Make a mud creation	26. Hunt for fossils and bones	39. Catch a crab	