

# OUTDOOR LEARNING FOR EARLY YEARS

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Painshill offers a range of sensory outdoor learning activities which incorporates outdoor play and encourages making friends. Each led activity uses a different approach to help pupils on school visits experience and enjoy the natural environment. Our activities are closely linked to the areas of learning and development in the EYFS curriculum.

Activities will be tailored to your school group and the weather but can include the following:



## **Minibeast Safari**

Search logs, leaves and shake the trees on a Minibeast Safari. Look for creatures that live in different habitats. Through play and games, learn about camouflage, how to identify creatures and how they live.



## **Fairytale Story Walk**

Children go on a fairytale story walk through the magical landscape of Painshill, past the Three Bears' house in the woods to Sleeping Beauty's Gothic Temple. Children join in the storyteller's fairytale with drama, dance, games and the amazing prop basket. Activities are designed to encourage children to co-operate and communicate.



### Wild Art

School groups can search for natural materials to make their own paints. The clay, mud, roots, petals, leaves, chalk and homemade charcoal are ground up to make the water paints. Or school groups can explore shapes, colours and textures by gathering natural materials on the forest floor to create a giant collage of a Painshill woodland animal.



### Plant Explorers

Explore plants throughout the seasons in woodlands, gardens and meadows. Starting off as tiny seeds, children use play to discover the wonderful world of plants and how to grow into terrific trees. Activities can include making natural perfumes and woodland collages.



### **Sensory Walk**

Children use their senses on a nature walk through Painshill. Short games and fun activities focus children on using all their senses. Children explore textures, shapes, colours and smells on a nature scavenger hunt.



### **Sensory Explorers – The Crystal Cave**

A journey to Painshill's crystal Grotto, exploring the vineyard, ruins and forest. At the Grotto, pupils discover craggy rocks and glittering crystals; explore light and dark; experience the texture of the rocks and the sounds of the water.

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