

Free Lessons and Workshops for Children Aged 4 to 11

In developing the workshop we have looked very carefully at the programmes of study for Key Stages 1 and 2. The workshop is based primarily on the curriculums for Science and Geography but also covers other subjects and promotes learning about sustainable development. It combines a fun presentation with various group activities and can be planned to cover any duration from an hour up to half a day. The content can be varied to suit children of different ages and is adaptable to enable delivery in schools with limited outdoor resources or to allow complete indoor delivery in bad weather.



The first part of the workshop explores the importance of plants to humanity. Children are asked to think creatively and write about the uses of plants. Photograph slideshows and living plants are then used to teach children about the multiple uses and different geographical origins of plants. The second part explores the types of habitats found in the school grounds. Children are asked to observe and draw different habitats and taught about different animals, plants and micro-organisms. Additional elements include presentations in which children actively participate to learn about the parts of a plant, the role of insects in

pollination and the different means of seed dispersal. There are also fun activities which include group work to design a school garden, a seed planting exercise and varied forms of craftwork.

The workshop has been developed by our managing directors whose combined qualifications include a BSc in Landscape Management and a BSc and MSc in Psychology. We sincerely promise that the service is highly professional, of real educational value and involves absolutely no hard sell. We expect nothing in return other than an opportunity to introduce ourselves.

"The content of the classroom session was excellent. It was informative, interactive and well delivered. In addition the art and crafts session that followed was great fun and well organised. This classroom experience was harmonious with our ethos of learning through excellence and enjoyment."

Rebecca Billance - Year 3 Teacher St Raphael's Primary School

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Landscape and Sports Ground Maintenance without the Shortcuts

Well maintained attractive school grounds are essential to creating the right impression. After all, your grounds can be seen as an indicator of the standards to which you work both inside and outside the classroom.

What's more, we now live in a world where environmental responsibility should be instilled in children from an early age. What better way to do this than to show them that you care for the environment immediately outside the classroom door.

Many contractors working on school grounds take multiple shortcuts to speed up work. Take a look around your grounds for the following examples of bad practice. If these are evident perhaps you should consider switching your grounds maintenance contract to Lancashire Landscapes because we don't believe in taking short-cuts.



Examples of bad practice by some companies include:

1. Litter shredded by lawnmowers rather than collected
2. Accumulations of litter in shrubberies and hedgerows
3. Over use of weed-killer leading to soil erosion
4. Accumulations of mud and leaf litter
5. Uncontrolled weed growth on hard surfaces
6. Neglect of planters and tubs
7. Complete neglect of nature study areas

Our landscape maintenance service covers all aspects of exterior maintenance on hard surfaces, grass and planted areas. In addition our sports ground maintenance service covers the full range of additional activities required on both grass and synthetic pitch surfaces.

We undertake regular maintenance contracts for many local schools. Please contact us for referee details.

Playgrounds, Learning Environments and Safety Surfacing

We have designed and constructed some truly original outdoor learning environments in local schools and nurseries.

There are three reasons why our creations are completely unique:

Bespoke and hand crafted:

They are crafted to meet clients' exact requirements, not just collections of pre-fabricated play equipment. Most of the features are specially designed and have included a four-metre long play pirate ship, dens in the form of giant ladybirds and acorns, living willow tunnels and water fountains for sensory experience.

Designed for use by all children and adults:

They can be designed for active use by all children including those with special needs such as wheelchair users and children with learning difficulties. Many landscapes have also featured sheltered seating areas for adults.

Multi-functional:

They are not just playgrounds but multi-purpose outdoor environments with a range of features designed to encourage learning. Our landscapes can include general play spaces with equipment for creative play, nature zones for both teaching and exploratory play and formal 'outdoor classrooms' which can be used to bring lessons outside. We can also install various impact reducing surfaces designed to protect children in the event of a fall, including natural play bark, rubber matting and rubber crumb.



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From inception to completion safety is always our primary consideration. We adhere to the European Playground Safety Standards and follow a rigorous set of safety procedures based on guidelines from The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.