

## **Our Commitment to Outdoor Learning**

At Ardley Hill we are fortunate to have a big outdoor area which includes two large playgrounds, 4+ and KS1/KS2, artificial grass and two large fields. We also have a quiet area, outdoor classroom, jungle gym and a pond.

Recently we have planted trees along the bank, these include Cherry, apple, pear and beech trees. Each class has their own tree which they enjoy visiting throughout the year and watching them change.

At Ardley Hill we are always looking to improve our outdoor area to ensure the children can get the best from the outdoors. Recently we have been looking into growing a wild meadow on the bank to encourage wildlife into our school. We are also hoping to create a remembrance garden within our school grounds. Gardening club look forward to making this a special place.

## **Aims and Objectives**

Our aim is to provide a challenging, safe and secure environment within which children can take and manage risks. We also aim to encourage children to have an awareness and show care and concern for the natural world.

## **Ardley Hill Academy Outdoor Learning Policy 2018**

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## **Gardening Club**

We offer a lunchtime gardening club which is available to children from 4+ to Year 4. This is run by school staff and is very popular, often with an oversubscribed waiting list.

## **What do we mean by Outdoor Learning?**

Outdoor learning often provides children with the most memorable learning experiences. They help children to make sense of the world around them. They allow children to transfer learning experienced outside to the classroom and vice versa.

## **Lunchtimes at Ardley Hill**

The children are lucky to have many activities to enjoy at lunchtimes. In the 4+ playground children can enjoy activities such as the mud kitchen, sand pit, climbing frame, reading pod, balance bikes, digging area and stage.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are also lucky to enjoy activities such as football, scooter area, netball, stage, jungle gym and a quiet area often used for lunchtime clubs.