

DofE Enrichment Woodland Subject Overview



ROUTE 1 – ENRICHMENT / DUKE OF EDINBURGH/WOODLAND SCHOOL

	AUTUMN HALF TERM 1	AUTUMN HALF TERM 2	SPRING HALF TERM 1	SPRING HALF TERM 2	SUMMER HALF TERM 1	SUMMER HALF TERM 2	
	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	
	Knots – Basic and Overhand	Soft structures with manufactured materials	Woodland Arts	Fire Lighting and Wood Collection	Bug Hotels and Hunts	Slack Line Shelter Building Fire Lighting Rope Work	
ar 7	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Skills	
Year 7	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Environmental and community care	Healthy lifestyle Keeping active Healthy eating plans Walks Exploring exercise	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.	
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Year 8	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Skills	
Ye	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Environmental and community care	Healthy lifestyle Keeping active Healthy eating plans Walks Exploring exercise	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry	



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	Knots – Basic Overhand, Figure of eight and Reef	Soft structures with manufactures and natural materials	Woodland Arts	Fire Lighting Wood collection and storage Fire maintenance	Health and safety Using tools	Hand tools Manufacturing
ar 9	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Volunteering	Expedition Preparation	Expedition Preparation
Year	Discover and explore a range of skills (6-8week period)	Discover and explore a range of skills (6-8week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Explore basic navigational skills Environmental and wildlife awareness	Expedition Equipment, Pitching a tent, outdoor cooking, Outdoor survival Basic first aid Physical activity
	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School
	Knots – Basic Overhand, Figure of eight and Reef	Soft structures with manufactures and natural materials	Woodland Arts	Fire Lighting Wood collection and storage Fire maintenance	Health and safety Using tools	Hand tools Manufacturing
. 10	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Volunteering	Expedition Preparation	Expedition Preparation
Year	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Navigational skills using a key and symbols. Environmental, weather and wildlife awareness.	Packing Expedition Equipment Pitching a tent Outdoor cooking Outdoor survival Basic first aid Physical activity



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	Knots – Basic Overhand, Figure of eight and Reef	Soft structures with natural materials	Woodland Arts	Fire Lighting Wood collection and storage Fire maintenance	Health and safety Using tools	Hand tools Manufacturing
11	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Volunteering	Expedition Preparation	Expedition/ Expedition Preparation
Year 1	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Navigational skills using a key and symbols. Environmental, weather and wildlife awareness.	Organising and planning Packing Expedition Equipment Pitching a tent Outdoor cooking Overnight camp (optional) Supervised walk-2-days



Curriculum Overview

• Route 1 Pupils undertake tasks to DISCOVER, EXPLORE and EXPERIENCE knowledge and understanding through themes and opportunities within the context of the topics.

Focus Areas Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11

VOLUNTEERING FOCI

- Fundraising/collections:
- Animal Sanctuaries
- Homeless Shelters
- Charitable organisations
- Annual publicized charitable campaigns Red Nose Day, Children in need etc
- Environmental care
- Litter Picking
- Becoming more environmentally friendly.
- Reducing our carbon footprint.
- Community care
- Researching what is in your community and how you are able to as a class support.
- Supporting the elderly/hospitals/care homes/refuges Sending letters /cards / making gifts
- Raising Awareness of issues pupils face in education:
- Cyber Safety
- Personal Safety
- Road Safety
- Positive Mental Health
- Annual awareness campaigns Anti-bullying, well being etc

SKILLS FOCI

- Speech and Drama
- Improvising melodies
- Plant growing
- Cards
- Chess
- Darts
- Dominoes
- First aid
- Hair and beauty
- Video making
- Textiles
- Drawing
- Painting
- Clay
- Yoga
- Making a product
- Map reading / drawing / Geographical enquiry (Geography NC link)
- Using a compass
- Sports Actives-Boccia, Rounders, archery
- Board Games
- Shoe laces / apron

PHYSICAL FOCI

- Exploring healthy lifestyles
- Keeping active



- Walks
- Healthy diet choices
- Keeping active and healthy in the local area

EXPEDITION FOCI

- Health and safety
- First aid
- Pitching a tent
- Cooking a meal on a stove
- Navigation
- Environmental awareness

WOODLAND FOCI

- Knots
- Shelter building
- Woodland Art
- Fire lighting
- Conservation
- Hand tolls
- Health and safety

Skills and Knowledge Progression Year 7 & Year 8

KNOWLEDGE

- Exploring a woodland
- Developing a variety of skills
- Develop interests through creative activities
- Explore a healthy lifestyle
- Exploring tools used in the woodland.

SKILLS

- Tutor led selected skill for example: Art / First Aid / Hair and beauty / Making a product.
- Shelter Building
- The fire triangle Simple fire lighting techniques.

Skills, Knowledge Progression and Destinations Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11

KNOWLEDGE

- Woodland School/Outdoor learning
- Developing individual skills of interest
- Volunteering in the community
- Healthy lifestyle
- Physical Fitness.
- Expedition preparation

SKILLS

- Tutor led selected skill -Art / First Aid / Hair and beauty / Making a product.
- Simple Knots
- Shelter Building
- Putting up a tent with support.
- Assited cooking a simple meal outdoors.
- The Fire triangle -Simple fire lighting techniques.
- Using woodland tools to make a product with support.



DESTINATION

- Certificate of completion volunteering section.
- Certificate of completion Skill section.
- Certificate of completion Physical section.
- Certificate of completion expedition section.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze



ROUTE 2 – ENRICHMENT / DUKE OF EDINBURGH /WOODLAND SCHOOL

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Year	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Environmental and community care	Healthy lifestyle Keeping active Healthy eating plans Walks Exploring exercise	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.
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	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Skills
Year	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Environmental and community care	Healthy lifestyle Keeping active Healthy eating plans Walks Exploring exercise	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.



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ar 9	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Volunteering	Expedition Preparation	Expedition Preparation
Year	Discover and explore a range of skills (6-8week period)	Discover and explore a range of skills (6-8week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (6 or 12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (6 or 12-week period)	Enhance navigational skills- keys and symbols. Environmental and wildlife awareness	Expedition Equipment, Pitching a tent, outdoor cooking, Outdoor survival Basic first aid Physical activity
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10	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Volunteering	Expedition Preparation	Expedition Preparation
Year 1	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Develop navigational skills using a compass, keys and basic co- ordinates Environmental, Weather and wildlife awareness Countryside code	Select and pack equipment Pitching a tent Outdoor cooking Outdoor survival First aid Physical activity



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11	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Volunteering	Expedition Preparation	Expedition/ Expedition Preparation
Year	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12- week period)	Deepen navigational skills using a compass, key & basic co- ordinates. Environmental, weather and wildlife awareness.	Organising and planning Packing Expedition Equipment Pitching a tent Outdoor cooking Overnight camp (optional) Supervised walk-2-days



Curriculum Overview

• Route 2 Pupils undertake tasks to ENHANCE, DEVELOP and DEEPEN knowledge and understanding through themes and opportunities within the context of the topics.

Focus Areas Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11

VOLUNTEERING FOCI

- Fundraising/collections:
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- Becoming more environmentally friendly.
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- Researching what is in your community and how you are able to as a class support.
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- Road Safety
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SKILLS FOCI

- Speech and Drama
- Improvising melodies
- Plant growing
- Cards
- Chess
- Darts
- Dominoes
- First aid
- Hair and beauty
- Video making
- Textiles
- Drawing
- Painting
- Clay
- Yoga
- Making a product
- Map reading / drawing / Geographical enquiry (Geography NC link)
- Using a compass
- Sports Actives-Boccia, Rounders, archery
- Board Games
- Shoelaces / apron

PHYSICAL FOCI

- Exploring healthy lifestyles
- Keeping active



- Walks
- Healthy diet choices
- Keeping active and healthy in the local area

EXPEDITION FOCI

- Health and safety
- First aid
- Pitching a tent
- Cooking a meal on a stove
- Navigation
- Environmental awareness

WOODLAND FOCI

- Knots
- Shelter building
- Woodland Art
- Fire lighting
- Conservation
- Hand tolls
- Health and safety

Skills and Knowledge Progression Year 7 & Year 8

KNOWLEDGE

- Exploring a woodland
- Developing a variety of skills
- Develop interests through creative activities
- Explore a healthy lifestyle
- Exploring tools used in the woodland.

SKILLS

- Tutor led selected skill for example: Art / First Aid / Hair and beauty / Making a product.
- Shelter Building
- The fire triangle Simple fire lighting techniques.

Skills, Knowledge Progression and Destinations Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 KNOWLEDGE

- Woodland School/Outdoor learning
- Developing individual skills of interest
- Volunteering in the community
- Healthy lifestyle
- Physical Fitness.
- Expedition preparation

SKILLS

- Tutor led selected skill
- Simple Knots
- Shelter Building
- Putting up a tent with support.
- Assited cooking a simple meal outdoors.
- The Fire triangle -Simple fire lighting techniques.
- Using woodland tools to make a product with support.



DESTINATION

- Certificate of completion volunteering section.
- Certificate of completion Skill section.
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ROUTE 3 – ENRICHMENT / DUKE OF EDINBURGH/WOODLAND SCHOOL

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Year	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Environmental and community care	Healthy lifestyle Keeping active Healthy eating plans Walks Exploring exercise	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.
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	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Skills
Year	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Discover and explore a range of skills (4-week period)	Environmental and community care	Healthy lifestyle Keeping active Healthy eating plans Walks Exploring exercise	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.	Discover and explore a range of skills Map skills, creativity, enquiry.



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	Knots – basic overhand, figure of eight, reef, clove hitch, lashings	Soft structures with manufactures and natural materials	Woodland Arts	Fire Lighting Wood collection and storage Fire maintenance	Health and safety Using tools	Hand tools Manufacturing
r 9	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Volunteering	Expedition Preparation	Expedition Preparation
Year	Discover and explore a range of skills (6-8week period)	Discover and explore a range of skills (6-8week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (6 or 12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (6 or 12-week period)	Enhance navigational skills- keys and symbols. Environmental and wildlife awareness	Expedition Equipment, Pitching a tent, outdoor cooking, Outdoor survival Basic first aid Physical activity
	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School	Woodland School
	Knots – basic overhand, figure of eight, reef, clove hitch, lashings	Soft structures with manufactures and natural materials	Woodland Arts	Fire Lighting Wood collection and storage Fire maintenance	Health and safety Using tools	Hand tools Manufacturing
0]	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Volunteering	Expedition Preparation	Expedition Preparation
Year 10	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12- week period)	Develop navigational skills using a compass, keys and basic co- ordinates Environmental, Weather and wildlife awareness Countryside code	Select and pack equipment Pitching a tent Outdoor cooking Outdoor survival First aid Physical activity



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11	Skills	Skills	Volunteering	Volunteering	Expedition Preparation	Expedition/ Expedition Preparation
Year 1	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Explore and discover a skills (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Volunteering project within the local community (12-week period)	Deepen navigational skills using a compass, key & basic co- ordinates. Environmental, weather and wildlife awareness.	Organising and planning Packing Expedition Equipment Pitching a tent Outdoor cooking Overnight camp (optional) Supervised walk-2-days



Curriculum Overview

• Route 3 Pupils undertake tasks to EMBED, DEMONSTRATE and APPLY knowledge and understanding through themes and opportunities within the context of the topics.

Focus Areas Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11

VOLUNTEERING FOCI

- Fundraising/collections:
- Animal Sanctuaries
- Homeless Shelters
- Charitable organisations
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- Environmental care
- Litter Picking
- Becoming more environmentally friendly.
- Reducing our carbon footprint.
- Community care
- Researching what is in your community and how you are able to as a class support.
- Supporting the elderly/hospitals/care homes/refuges Sending letters /cards / making gifts
- Raising Awareness of issues pupils face in education:
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- Personal Safety
- Road Safety
- Positive Mental Health
- Annual awareness campaigns Anti-bullying, well-being etc

SKILLS FOCI

- Speech and Drama
- Improvising melodies
- Plant growing
- Cards
- Chess
- Darts
- Dominoes
- First aid
- Hair and beauty
- Video making
- Textiles
- Drawing
- Painting
- Clay
- Yoga
- Making a product
- Map reading / drawing / Geographical enquiry (Geography NC link)
- Using a compass
- Sports Actives-Boccia, Rounders, archery
- Board Games
- Shoelaces / apron

PHYSICAL FOCI

- Exploring healthy lifestyles
- Keeping active



- Walks
- Healthy diet choices
- Keeping active and healthy in the local area

EXPEDITION FOCI

- Health and safety
- First aid
- Pitching a tent
- Cooking a meal on a stove
- Navigation
- Environmental awareness

WOODLAND FOCI

- Knots
- Shelter building
- Woodland Art
- Fire lighting
- Conservation
- Hand tolls
- Health and safety

Skills and Knowledge Progression Year 7 & Year 8

KNOWLEDGE

- Exploring a woodland
- Developing a variety of skills
- Develop interests through creative activities
- Explore a healthy lifestyle
- Exploring tools used in the woodland.

SKILLS

- Tutor led selected skill for example: Art / First Aid / Hair and beauty / Making a product.
- Shelter Building
- The fire triangle Simple fire lighting techniques.

Skills, Knowledge Progression and Destinations Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 KNOWLEDGE

- Woodland School/Outdoor learning
 - Developing individual skills of interest
 - Volunteering in the community
 - Healthy lifestyle
 - Physical Fitness.
- Expedition preparation

SKILLS

- Tutor led selected skill
- Simple Knots
- Shelter Building
- Putting up a tent with support.
- Assisted cooking a simple meal outdoors.
- The Fire triangle -Simple fire lighting techniques.
- Using woodland tools to make a product with support.



DESTINATION

- Certificate of completion volunteering section.
- Certificate of completion Skill section.
- Certificate of completion Physical section.
- Certificate of completion expedition section.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze

What is Woodland School?

Woodland School is an innovative educational approach that focuses on outdoor learning in natural settings, such as woodlands, forests, or other natural environments. The program encourages children to engage in activities that support their physical, emotional, social, and cognitive development. Through regular and prolonged exposure to the natural world, children develop a deep connection to nature and a range of life skills, including problem-solving, resilience, and creativity.

Why Woodland School?

At Sutton, we believe in providing a well-rounded education that goes beyond the confines of traditional classrooms. Woodland School offers several unique benefits for your child:

Holistic Development: Through outdoor exploration and play, your child will develop physical fitness, creativity, and emotional well-being.

Environmental Awareness: Woodland School instils a lifelong appreciation for nature and a sense of responsibility for the environment, fostering a generation of environmental stewards.

Critical Thinking: Nature-based activities encourage problem-solving and decision-making skills in a real-world context.

Resilience: Facing challenges and taking calculated risks in a safe environment helps build self-confidence and resilience.

Program Details:

The Woodland School program will take place once every 4-6 weeks. Class teachers will notify you when your child's session is.

Each session will be led by qualified Forest School practitioners who are experienced in outdoor education, child development, and safety.

Your child will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities, including shelter building, rope work, woodland art, conservation woodland projects, basic fire lighting, team building activities and simple cooking.

Woodland School runs in all weather (if safe to do so) and children will be expected to take part in all sessions.

Safety and Supervision:

The safety of your child is our utmost priority. Our practitioner is trained to ensure a safe and secure learning environment. We can provide your child with appropriate footwear if need (pupils are



welcome to bring their own wellies). If your child has their own waterproof coat, please also bring this to lessons. As the seasons change, your child may need additional layers of clothing.

Next Steps:

You will receive a parent mail from your child's class teacher to inform you when their next Woodland School lesson takes place. If you have any questions regarding Woodland School, please contact Mr Edney Evans (cedneyevans@sutton.dudley.sch.uk)