



Oak Explorers

Forest School - Beach School - Farm School

Learning beyond the classroom through
nature, adventure and exploration





Why Oak Explorers?

- Showing the children the world
- Strong sense of their local community
- Different environments, beaches/woodland.



Two groups;
Group Selworthy & Grabbist
alternating every half term



5-7 week blocks



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Forest School

- ▶ 3-4 sessions per block
- ▶ Fenced off woodland area, just off Bratton Straight.



Our Environment

Purpose designed woodland which consists of

- ▶ Covered firepit area
- ▶ Tool Area
- ▶ Mud kitchen
- ▶ Toilet
- ▶ Activity area
- ▶ Hammocks





Beach School

- ▶ Dunster and Minehead beach
- ▶ Once a block

Activities include

- ▶ Exploration of the environment, shells, seaweed, driftwood
- ▶ Rock pooling - investigation, crabs, rockpool creatures
- ▶ Creative play - beach art, building sculptures



Farm School

- ▶ Once a block
- ▶ Situated in Exford

Activities include

- ▶ Pond dipping
- ▶ Grooming horses
- ▶ Feeding the animals
- ▶ Caring for the animals
- ▶ Understanding job roles on the farm

<https://farmschoolexmoor.com/>





Oak Explorers provide sessions in a unique environment where children can thrive physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually, supporting the development of confident, capable and resilient learners

Physical development

- Running uphill/downhill
- Climbing
- Uneven terrain
- Scrambling
- Swinging
- Obstacle course

Numeracy

- Counting
- Measuring
- Numeracy language
- Shapes

Communication and social skills

- ▶ Extending and learning new vocabulary
- ▶ Teamwork
- ▶ Role play - imaginative play

Creative development

- Imagination
- Curiosity

Personal, social and emotional development

- Confidence
- Resilience
- Self-esteem
- Emotional regulation

Cognitive development

- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Decision making

Environmental awareness

- ▶ Respect for nature, wildlife and sustainability
- ▶ Learning about our community
- ▶ Exploring different environments

Independence and risk management

- ▶ Making choices
- ▶ Taking risks in a safe environment
- ▶ Developing responsibility

Cost - £25 a term

This is to cover additional staff, minibus hire, food for cooking activities, hot chocolate and other resources for activities.





What to wear

Layers!

Long sleeves and trousers

2 pairs of socks

Warm, waterproof coat

Gloves (not mittens)

Wooley hat/sun hat

We provide

Waterproof trousers

Wellies

Lunchbox and drink

Please bring

Backpack with plenty of spare clothes

Carrier bag



Other places we visit

From time to time, we may visit other places within our community.

Such as;

- ▶ North Hill
- ▶ Blenheim Gardens
- ▶ The Parks
- ▶ Nutcombe Bottom
- ▶ Bossington Beach
- ▶ Dunster Castle
- ▶ RNLI



Any
questions?

