



Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC)

How this subject is taught

At Lammack Primary School, we believe, LOtC is an essential way of learning and that it should take place throughout the year and not just during the summer months. LOtC is developed through using areas not only in school, the school grounds and locality but also through trips and a Year 6 residential. Staff ensure activities are safe for pupils but allow them also to take risks. Risk assessments are completed for all offsite experiences and stored on evolve. Safety and behavioral issues are discussed before every outside activity takes place.

LOtC is taught from the Foundation Stages through to Year 6. We feel it is a powerful tool that enriches our children's attainment, their social skills and personal development. Moving away from a classroom setting develops their language and vocabulary. It enthuses and excites our students and enables them to gain real life skills and experiences. Pupils develop the understanding that learning can take place anytime, anyplace, anywhere. Our aim is to expand their horizons and make them lifelong learners.

In every year groups activities are planned to link with the Cornerstone topics and various curriculum subjects. Staff are encouraged to plan outside experiences through all subject areas regardless of the time of year.

All staff have taken part in training days to ensure LOtC is used to enhance learning for pupils of all ages in a safe environment. Additional training has also been taken by teaching staff on considering risks and completing the relevant documentation.

Children should learn to:

- engage with the world around them and link this to their own experiences, developing these further
- consolidate classroom learning and develop skills when presented with different situations
- improve their understanding of the Lammack values which are a driving force of our school development.

Priorities for future development

- Develop the outdoor area to create further facilities for LOTC.
- Train teaching staff and support staff for Forest Schools Status.
- Create a non-negotiable set of progressive activities - 21 things to do before leaving Lammack.