

Our carefully planned creative curriculum frequently takes the children outdoors where we maximize learning whether it is in our school grounds, around Reigate or further afield.

Each year we review our creative curriculum and the opportunities we give our children, so watch this space for more use of the outdoors whether it be on the school grounds, in the Redhill / Reigate locality (such as Gatton, Reigate Hill or Box Hill) or further afield traveling by coach or by train.

Daily:

Playtimes – children play on our much bigger playground and on our astro turf. Playtimes are staggered meaning there is lots of space for the children to enjoy running around, equally there is space for quiet play:

10.45 – 11.00am year 1 and 2 (reception join in the summer term)
11.00 – 11.15am year 3 and 4
11.15 – 11.30am year 5 and 6

Lunchtimes – children play on the playground and on the astro turf. In addition, we have our playleader out every day engaging the junior children in play and KS1 have an outdoors colouring club to enjoy. Each week, every year group has the opportunity to play football on the astro turf and every day there will be a different “Craze” activity out for all the children to relish (ie. skipping ropes, hoops, bean bags, obstacle courses). Daily, other balls are available on the astro turf for the children to enjoy (ie. basketball, netball, tennis ball) and the blue Imagination Play equipment is out every lunchtime for children to enjoy building with, wherever their imagination takes them!

At lunchtimes later on this academic year, children will be able to play and act in the new Amphitheatre which is at the back of the junior block. From the summer term (because of the planting that has to happen) children will be able to play, explore and investigate in the “wild area”, which is the wooded part of our school grounds and behind the junior block.

Again lunchtimes are staggered so there is lots of space for the children to enjoy, in whatever lunchtime activity they choose to take part in:

11.45 – 1.00pm Reception, year 1 and 2
12.45 – 1.45pm year 3 and 4
1.00 – 2.00pm year 5 and 6

When a year group is in the infant hall having their lunch, then there is even more space outdoors for the other children to play in.

Weekly:

Fantastic PE teaching - use of the astro turf and playground, children have their gym and dance lessons in either the infant or junior hall

Weekly running club for KS2 – this takes the runners into the churchyard and the routes are always being developed

Weekly after school clubs – many clubs use our outdoors, such as multi skills, tennis, football. Some of the PE clubs inside are dance (studio), dodgeball (junior hall), netball and gym (junior hall)

The after school Tea Club – when all the extra-curricular school clubs have finished the Tea Club children are allowed to play on the playground and astro turf

Half termly (dependent on their curriculum):

- Plans for KS2 inter-class competitions during PE using the Reigate Priory Park, such as year 4 rounders competition
- We continue to search for more opportunities to use Priory Park in PE and in the curriculum, ie Art.
- The local area is used to develop geographical skills and historical enquiry skills.

Termly (dependent on their curriculum):

- KS2 attend external inter-school competitions hosted at local schools as well as at Hartwood, Donyngs and in Priory Park. In preparation for these competitions regular training to prepare the children is timetabled and led by our specialist PE teacher.
- KS2 swimming at Reigate Grammar School
- KS2 carol concert/summer concert at Reigate Grammar School concert hall
- Year 3 access Reigate Priory Park to explore forces
- Year 3 enter a local dance festival, as part of their PE unit on Dance, held at the Harlequin. Parents can come and see the school dance with other schools on the programme.
- Year 3 partnership* work with local schools:
 - exploring Redhill Common, playing games and completing a nature trail linked to our “Great Outdoors” topic
 - a collaborative DT project linked to our Roman topic and den building on their field during lunchtimes
- Year 4 partnership* work is currently being finalised but will involve visiting primary and secondary schools and is closely linked to our year 4 topics
- Year 4 attend the “Big Sing”. An event organised by Reigate School, held at Reigate Baptist Church and where schools sing together and every individual school sings. Parents can come and listen.

Yearly:

- KS2 sports morning
- Year 3 and 4 separate Swimming Galas
- In Key Stage 2 their residential is tightly linked to the curriculum and topic:
 - Year 3 Ufton Court, Reading, Berkshire – Why did the Anglo Saxons come to England and how did they live?
 - Year 4 Grosvener House, Ashford, Kent – linked to Planet Earth topic, environmental science, teamwork, communication,
 - Year 5 Hooke Court, Beaminster, Dorset – Why were the Romans so powerful and can we learn from them?
 - Year 6 Avon Tyrol, New Forest – outdoor adventure, challenge, helping others, resilience, perseverance
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*the partnership work is with local primary schools, local secondary schools and with a primary school in Southwark Diocese and is for our year 3 and 4 children to have an opportunity to work with older children. The programme is being constantly being

developed and there are other opportunities where our children will see older children, for example: the Year 4 residential, PE competitions, dance festival, the Big Sing.

The partnership work will carry on for children as they enter year 5 and year 6 and will help them to be more familiar and confident seeing and working with older children.

This partnership work is unique to Reigate Parish and we have been intentional in setting it up.

Our opportunities to use outdoor space will grow because we forensically review our half termly topics ensuring we have the best opportunities for all our children to learn.