

Playground Workshop Costs

- Half day session £90 (plus VAT) = £108
- Whole day session £150 (plus VAT) = £180
- For 2 staff, whole day £220 (plus VAT) = £264

Contact Details

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The workshops will be delivered in your playground and all are linked to the Curriculum for Excellence, STEM and Ecoschools.

Workshop	Details
Birds in Spring	Birds are singing and nest building. A study of your playground birds and have a go at nest building.
Minibeasts in your playground	Looking at the variety of minibeasts that share your playground. Build a woodlouse hotel to home these amazing creatures.
Nature's brow	The topic is minibeasts and similar to the workshop above but here called 'wee cute creepy crawlies'. This will be delivered in the Scottish vernacular with Scottish names such as slaturs and forky taileys as well as our usual names for minibeasts.
The Gruffalo in spring	An investigation of your playground to see if it is a suitable habitat for a Gruffalo. Workshop activities will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring trees, are they big enough and strong enough for a Gruffalo to climb?;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding flowers, and minibeasts, lots of investigating and counting; • What other wildlife lives in your playground?; and • Building a wood pile, maybe not for a snake, but for minibeasts to live in.
The Gruffalo in spring, in Scots	As above but referring to the The Scottish version 'The Gruffalo in Scots' with a variety of activities to include use of the Scottish language.
Stickman	This is a fun workshop about this lovely story of Stickman, using the story as inspiration, we'll put sticks to good use; creating habitat piles for minibeasts, roosting and nesting sites for Wrens and get creative with some environmental art.
Bear Hunt	Let's go on a bear hunt! Inspired by this classic story, we'll learn all about bears. Have you got some squelchy squelchy mud and swishy swishy grass in your playground? Let's explore and have a stumble trip through the playground, we'll follow a trail of bear footprints and see what other creatures we can find.
The playground ecosystem	For the upper school covering Science, biodiversity SCN 2-01a and SCN 2-02a. A study of the biodiversity of the playground, using keys to identify birds, minibeasts and plants and looking at food webs and how we can help conserve and enhance the wildlife.
Dangerous Litter	A good ecoschool topic. A look at the litter in your playground and how it can harm the wildlife living there.
Trees and plants of your playground	Identifying trees, measuring the age and height of trees and finding out about the wildlife living on them.
Sharing your school with wildlife	A look at the wildlife of your school and home and learning to appreciate it. What would you be prepared to live with? Birds nesting in your loft, seagulls in the playground, mice in your living room, spiders in the bath? A talk about appreciating wildlife and how you can help. Followed by an activity to help wildlife such as make a web holder for spiders or a seagull cake for your hungry gulls.
Using your senses	A topic for younger classes designed to use your sense to study wildlife. Look for colours, smell plants, feel textures and find all sorts of magical things in your own playground.
Fantastic Mr fox	Find out just how fantastic foxes are in this fun workshop. Learn all about these, and other nocturnal creatures and how they survive in towns. We will have a look at some fantastic foxy artefacts, follow a fun fox trail in the playground and see if we can find the kinds of things that foxes like to eat.
The owl who was afraid of the dark	This interactive workshop is inspired by Plop from this much-loved book. Activities include a PowerPoint presentation all about owls and their special skills and adaptations. We will look at some fantastic owl artefacts, including dissecting some real owl pellets to find out what they like to eat. We will go out into your school grounds to see if it is a good place for owls and other birds to live.