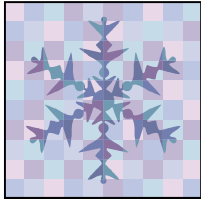
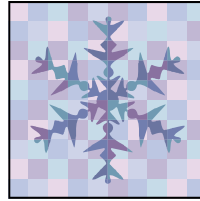


Environmental Education



Programme Winter 2010



TEES VALLEY

What we offer:

- *Fun, interactive sessions designed to get youngsters experiencing the natural environment in new ways.*
- *We have a new outdoor classroom site next to Margrove Heritage Centre. It has a mixture of woodland, meadow and ponds with access along a secluded footpath.*
- *Margrove Visitor Centre has two indoor rooms for groups to use if the weather is foul.*
- *Options of running workshops either in your school grounds or at a nearby greenspace.*
- *If you would like to do a session previously offered by the trust please ring and we will do our best to offer it.*

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New for 2010

OPAL Earthworm and Lichen Survey

Be part of the OPAL air survey and discover the impacts of local air quality on our natural environment. Discover more about the world of earthworms and help scientists with valuable research.

We did do a lichen and worm survey and you get the opportunity to take the results back to school and enter on the [OPAL website](http://www.opal.org.uk).



Growing Food for the Future

A new project starting in January 2010 which is looking for schools who want to develop extended schools growing food projects. For more information email growingfood@teeswildlife.org.

New for 2010

The Great Plant Hunt

Age 5-6 Darwin Lookouts

A thinking walk identifying common plants followed by recording in Darwin Doodle books and an activity linked to what plants need to grow.

Age 6-7 Darwin Discoveries

A thinking walk looking at habitats followed by activities linked to life cycles and seeds.

Age 7-8 Darwin Thinkers

A thinking walk reflecting on the how plants can make us feel followed by an activity linked to plant uses and adaptations.

Age 8-9 Darwin Collectors

A thinking walk looking at different types of habitats and identifying different plants. Pupils can then take samples back to school to create a herbarium.

Age 10-11 Darwin Plant Detectives

Help solve the identity of the mystery seed and make a seed packet





Exploring Winter

Especially designed for KS1 children this activity explores colours, scents and textures in nature in winter and fits neatly with the Ourselves curriculum.

Den Building and the Needs of Life

Look at the needs of life and discuss how different habitats provide them. Then, test your construction skills to create a den for a creature, complete with the four things it needs to survive.

Habitats

Visit three habitats around Margrove and investigate the wildlife they support. Use scientific keys to identify plants and animals

Birds, Bird Feeding and Food Webs

Visit the Trust's bird feeding station in the Wildlife garden for a data collection and identification exercise (using a simple key). Followed by closer observations of how birds are adapted to feed and how they fit into food chains. Pupils will also get a chance to make bird cake.



Other sessions offered include:

- John Muir Award
- Minibeast Investigators
- Tracks and Signs
- All about Birds

If you have an idea for a session that you would be interested in us offering please give us a ring and we will do our best to offer it.

For more information about each workshop visit www.teeswildlife.org/education.htm.



Eye Project Workshop@Your School

This will involve the class spending sometime recording the habitats and species of animals, birds and plants that can be found in your school grounds.

This is followed by the pupils inputting the information onto a map based system through the [internet](#).

Bat/Bird Box Workshops at your school

An opportunity for a class to make their own bird/bat boxes either for the school or home. We provide every thing required - the wood is pre-cut and ready to assemble. This is followed by a slide show/activities linked to bats or birds. Cost £75.00 plus £5.00 per box made.



How to Book:

If you are interested in booking a session please contact Steve Ashton, at Tees Valley Wildlife Trust on 01287 636382 or sashton@teeswildlife.org or download a booking form from [here](#).

Costs

Half day £3.00 per pupil Full day £5.00 per pupil
(for groups less than 20 there is a minimum charge £75.00/£150)

Are transport costs a problem?

If the costs of coach transport is proving a problem, we may be able to run a course at a location near your school, allowing your pupils to walk to it. This option is dependent on us finding a suitable location near your school.