



Dream Believe Achieve

The Rivermead Environment

Rivermead is very fortunate to have an open, spacious building and a very extensive playing field. We are one of the largest primary school sites in Wokingham. Our intention over the next five years is to develop the building and school grounds further to enhance and stimulate the learning environment and provide a healthy and safe place for the children to learn.

Our Learning Environment

Much work has been completed within the building of the school recently including: development of the EYFS area including new fencing, a role play room, defined learning areas, canopy for the outdoor area and new learning resources/equipment; development of an outdoor learning area for Year 1; development of ICT through learning computer pods in each team area and purchasing of new ICT equipment including 60 Fizz notebooks (children's laptops), easi-speak mirco-phones, digital cameras, software; newly refurbished school library; new flooring and doors throughout the school and the redeployment of group rooms and learning areas.

We have been excited over the past few years developing our environmental area in our school grounds, which is both attractive to humans and wildlife. The purpose of this development is to widen our children's knowledge and understanding about the environment through a closer hands-on relationship with the natural world, whilst at the same time educating them about the importance of protecting and celebrating it.

It all begun with the children planting trees to create an orchard and woodland and a local business renovated our pond. Since, we now have vegetable plots which are used to grow organic food on our site and they are cared for by the children. We have created an eco-learning area with a large outdoor learning gazebo, sensory trail, habitat learning area, an area dedicated to a variety of plant life and another larger pond. This project has played an important

part in the children's environment learning and social and personal development.

The school has an excellent range of facilities and resources including:

- Two well-equipped sports halls
- A large, beautiful library
- Art areas in each class
- Spacious classrooms, learning areas and cloakrooms
- A designated music room
- Largest playing field in a Wokingham primary school
- A developed environmental area

Extensive grounds and playing field with:

- an environmental area: with two ponds, rock garden, mini-beast area, sensory garden, fruit trees, orchard, wild area, garden plots, an outdoor class shelter
- two tarmac playgrounds with adventure play equipment
- various marked sports pitches

Excellent ICT facilities

- Two laptop trolley containing 60 Net Notebooks
- A trolley containing 30 Fizz books
- Learning centres in each area equipped with computers
- Interactive whiteboards in every class
- Digital cameras, microscopes, Easi-speak microphones, robots & variety of software programme