

Trips and Experiences

Masefield Primary School



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What is the purpose of trips and experiences?

At Masefield Primary School, trips and experiences play an integral role in enriching the curriculum, enhancing pupils' learning, and making education more engaging and memorable. By bringing learning to life through real-world experiences, these activities help solidify understanding, build essential skills, and foster a love for lifelong learning. Here's how Masefield's approach to trips and experiences supports both teaching and learning:

1. Enhancing Engagement and Motivation

- Learning Beyond the Classroom: Trips provide pupils with a change in environment, making learning more dynamic and engaging. This can be particularly beneficial for pupils who thrive on hands-on activities and real-world applications of classroom concepts.
- Creating Memorable Experiences: Memorable trips leave lasting impressions and can deepen pupils' interest in specific subjects, making them more likely to enjoy and remember what they've learned. The excitement around trips often translates into greater enthusiasm for school and learning.

2. Deepening Understanding of Curriculum Content

- Real-World Connections: Trips are carefully chosen to align with curriculum topics, allowing pupils to see the relevance and application of what they're learning. For instance, a visit to a historical site can give pupils context for a history lesson, making abstract concepts more concrete and understandable.
- Hands-On Learning Opportunities: Many trips provide hands-on experiences, which can reinforce theoretical knowledge from the classroom. For example, a science centre visit can offer interactive exhibits that demonstrate scientific principles, helping pupils grasp concepts more effectively.
- Contextualizing Classroom Learning: Trips and experiences give pupils a
 broader context, allowing them to understand subjects in greater depth. This
 contextualization helps pupils make connections between classroom lessons
 and the world around them, fostering critical thinking.

3. Supporting Social and Emotional Development

- Building Independence and Confidence: Trips, especially those that involve traveling or navigating new environments, help pupils build confidence and independence. This can be especially empowering for young learners, giving them a sense of accomplishment.
- Encouraging Teamwork and Collaboration: School trips often involve group activities that promote teamwork and collaboration. Working together outside of the classroom setting helps pupils develop social skills, resilience, and cooperation.
- Developing Empathy and Cultural Awareness: Visits to museums, cultural sites, or community landmarks allow pupils to experience different perspectives and

ways of life. This exposure helps broaden their worldview, build empathy, and develop a more inclusive mindset.

4. Reinforcing Key Skills and Character Education

- Problem Solving and Critical Thinking: Trips often require pupils to engage in real-world problem solving, whether through navigating challenges at an outdoor adventure site or analysing artifacts in a museum. These experiences foster critical thinking and adaptability, key skills that complement academic learning.
- Encouraging Curiosity and Exploration: Experiences outside the classroom encourage pupils to ask questions and seek answers. This nurtures their natural curiosity and willingness to explore, both essential components of independent learning.
- Character Building: Trips often incorporate character education themes, such as respect for the environment during a nature walk or responsibility when following safety rules. These experiences reinforce the school's values and help pupils develop strong character.

5. Supporting Inclusivity and Equality in Learning Opportunities

- Access to Enriching Experiences for All Pupils: Not all pupils have the
 opportunity to explore museums, theatres, or historical sites outside of school.
 By offering these experiences as part of the curriculum, Masefield ensures that
 all pupils, regardless of background, have access to enriching educational
 experiences that might otherwise be unavailable to them.
- Equalizing Learning Opportunities: For pupils who may struggle with traditional classroom learning, experiential trips can provide an alternative pathway to engage with and understand material, promoting a more inclusive learning environment.

6. Providing Teachers with Additional Teaching Resources

- Supporting Diverse Teaching Approaches: Trips and experiences give teachers additional tools to bring subjects to life. After a trip, teachers can build on the experience through discussions, projects, or reflective activities, providing more opportunities to reinforce and assess learning.
- Enriching Lesson Plans: Experiences from trips can be referenced in future lessons, enriching classroom discussions and allowing teachers to draw upon shared experiences as a teaching resource.

In summary, Masefield Primary School's trips and experiences are vital in creating a well-rounded, stimulating educational experience. By bridging the gap between theory and real life, they enhance engagement, deepen understanding, build essential life skills, and foster personal growth in pupils. This approach not only supports academic achievement but also helps cultivate responsible, curious, and confident learners.

Trips and Experiences for Early Years

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| | | Performance Poetry | | | | |
| Reading | | Library visits v | will be booked at the | appropriate times du | ring the year. | |
| | | Author visits v | will be booked at the | appropriate times du | ıring the year. | |
| Science | | | Creepy Crawly Roadshow | Smithills Farm Visit | | |
| Geography | | Park Visit | | | | Little Lancashire Village |
| PSHCE | | RockKidz | | | | |
| Physical Education | | A variety of | sports clubs will be a | available to pupils all | year round. | |
| Music | | Pantomime Trip | | | | Live Concert |

Trips and Experiences for Year One

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| | | Performance Poetry | | | | |
| Reading | | Library visits v | vill be booked at the | appropriate times du | ıring the year. | |
| | | Author visits v | will be booked at the | appropriate times du | uring the year. | |
| Science | | Science Workshop | | | | |
| History | | | Bolton Museum | | | |
| Geography | | Local Area Walk | | | | Southport |
| Computing | | | | Computer Science (EdTech Day) | | |
| PSHCE | | RockKidz | | | | |
| Physical Education | A variety of sp | ports clubs will be ava | ilable to pupils all ye | ear round, including B | olton Wanderers in th | ne Community. |
| Religious Education | | | | | | St Matthew's Church |
| Music | | Pantomime Trip | | | | Live Concert |

Trips and Experiences for Year Two

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 Performance Poetry | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Reading | | Library visits v | will be booked at the | appropriate times du | ıring the year. | |
| | | Author visits | will be booked at the | appropriate times du | uring the year. | |
| Science | | Science Workshop | Creepy Crawly Roadshow | | | |
| History | | | | | Tatton Park Trip | |
| Geography | | | | | | |
| Computing | | | Computer Science (STEM Day) | | | |
| PSHCE | First Aid Training | RockKidz | | | | |
| Physical Education | A variety of sp | oorts clubs will be ava | ilable to pupils all yea | ar round, including Bo | olton Wanderers in th | e Community. |
| Religious Education | King's Church | | | | | |
| Music | | Pantomime Trip | | | | Live Concert |

Trips and Experiences for Year Three

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Reading | | Performance Poetry Library visits v | will be booked at the | appropriate times du | uring the year. | |
| | | | will be booked at the | | | |
| Science | | Science Workshop | | | | |
| History | | | Bolton Museum – Samuel Crompton | | Bolton Museum - Egyptians | Eureka |
| Geography | | Mapwork Field Study | | | | Eureka |
| Computing | | | Computer Science (Film Festival) | | | |
| PSHCE | First Aid Training | RockKidz | | | | |
| Physical Education | A variety of sp | ports clubs will be ava | nilable to pupils all ye | ar round, including B | olton Wanderers in th | ne Community. |
| Religious Education | | | | | Synagogue Trip | |
| Music | | Pantomime Trip | | | | Live Concert |

Trips and Experiences for Year Four

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Reading | | Performance Poetry | will be booked at the | annronriate times di | uring the year | |
| g | | | will be booked at the | | | |
| Science | | Science Workshop | | | | |
| History | Chester - Romans | | Bolton Museum | | | |
| Geography | | Rivers Field Study | | | | |
| Computing | | | Computer Science (Minecraft) | | | |
| PSHCE | First Aid Training | RockKidz | | | | Anderton Centre |
| Physical Education | A variety of sp | oorts clubs will be ava | ilable to pupils all ye | ar round, including B | olton Wanderers in th | ne Community. |
| Religious Education | | | | | Hindu Temple Trip | |
| Music | | Pantomime Trip | | | | Live Concert |

Trips and Experiences for Year Five

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| | | Performance Poetry | | | | |
| Reading | | Library visits v | will be booked at the | appropriate times d | uring the year. | |
| | | Author visits | will be booked at the | appropriate times d | uring the year. | |
| Science | RHS Bridgewater Trip | Science Workshop | | | | |
| History | | | Bolton Museum | | | |
| Geography | | Bolton Museum – Rainforest Quest | | | | London Residential |
| Computing | | | Computer Science (Game Developer) | | | |
| PSHCE | First Aid Training | RockKidz | | | | |
| Physical Education | A variety of sp | ports clubs will be ava | ilable to pupils all ye | ar round, including E | Bolton Wanderers in t | |
| · · | | | | | | Swimming |
| Religious Education | | | | | Mosque Trip | |
| Music | | Pantomime Trip | | | | Live Concert |

Trips and Experiences for Year Six

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| | | Performance Poetry | | | | |
| Reading | | | | appropriate times du | | |
| | | Author visits v | will be booked at the | appropriate times du | ıring the year. | |
| Science | | Science Workshop | | | | |
| History | Manchester Museum | | | | | |
| Geography | | | | | | |
| Computing | | | | Computer Science (Robot Design) | | |
| PSHCE | | RockKidz | Crucial Crew | | Blackpool Pleasure Beach | Weekend Residential |
| Physical Education | | A variety of | sports clubs will be a | available to pupils all | year round. | |
| Religious Education | | | | | Kings Church | |
| Music | | Pantomime Trip | | | | Live Concert |