

NEWSLETTER

20th March 2024

National Education Nature Park

Did you know?

Schools across the nation are joining together to become The National Education Nature Park. School sites cover a large area of land so that means it also has a diverse range of habitats too.

Stainton C of E School have joined the National Education Nature Park. The National Education Nature Park and Climate Action Awards empower children and young people to make a positive difference to both their own and nature's future.

This aims to give every child and young person in England the opportunity to develop a meaningful connection to nature, contribute to nature recovery across the country and build resilience for a changing world.

In preparation for our Stainton Science week, the science ambassadors are setting a challenge: get to know the habitats you have around you at home.



Science Week 10-14 June - Getting to know our habitats

ACTIVITY—Get to know the habitats where you live On the next page, you will find a Homes For Nature Score card

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, children describe the similarities and differences they notice in the world around them. Recently, they have been noticing the changes that happen as the seasons change. How many different habitat types can they tick off on their scorecard?

In Key Stage 2, children recognise dangers posed to living things. As they look for different habitats around their own homes, can they spot any threats to habitats? Are there invasive species dominating the habitat—species that cover the ground, or other plants, quickly? Are the threats a result of humans? Destruction of safe habitat areas? Discarded rubbish causing a danger to living things?

Have fun exploring outside. This is an activity to enjoy. It does not need to be returned to school. Just enjoy talking about habitats.

Can you help?

We would love to have visitors come into school to inspire and support learning during science week (10-14 June). Can you share your knowledge and skills about conservation, and ecological studies? Please let the office know if you can support us.

Homes for nature scorecard

Log pile



Sue Kennedy (rspb-images.com)

★ Score 6

Stone pile



srjan111 (thinkstockphotos.co.uk)

■ Score 5

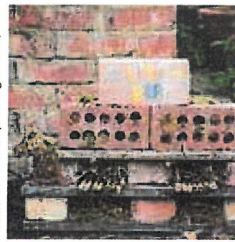
Dead wood



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● Score 8

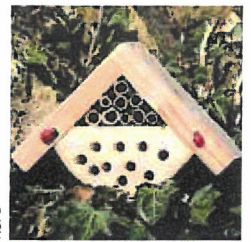
Wildlife stack



Eleanor Bentall (rspb-images.com)

▲ Score 8

Insect Home



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◆ Score 5

Beetle bucket



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◆ Score 6

Wildflowers



Jodie Randall (rspb-images.com)

★ Score 9

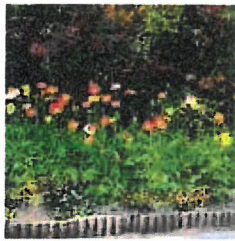
Plants in pots



comadorea1999 (fotolia.com)

■ Score 5

Flowerbed



Duccio (dreamstime.com)

● Score 7

Vegetable garden



Ernie Janes (rspb-images.com)

▲ Score 4

Pond



David Levenson (rspb-images.com)

◆ Score 10

Compost bin



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◆ Score 7

Young trees



lilliphotography (istockphoto.com)

★ Score 7

Mature trees



Mike Lane (rspb-images.com)

■ Score 10

Bushes



Irina Borsuchenko (dreamstime.com)

● Score 9

Hedge



Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)

▲ Score 10

Long grass



Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)

◆ Score 7

Short grass



Chris Gomersall (rspb-images.com)

◆ Score 4

Bird box



Chris Gomersall (rspb-images.com)

★ Score 9

Bat box



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■ Score 9

Bird bath



Tony Hamblin (rspb-images.com)

● Score 8

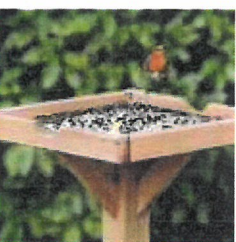
Bird feeders



Chris Gomersall (rspb-images.com)

▲ Score 8

Bird table



Chris Gomersall (rspb-images.com)

◆ Score 8

Hedgehog house



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◆ Score 4