

The Kingfisher Award Scheme



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Outdoor Learning

On the Farm

Among Wildlife

Get Involved

Bringing Farming

& Wildlife

to a New

Generation

The Kingfisher Award Scheme (KAS) is an outdoor learning project which actively engages children in the conservation of the countryside around them.

KAS was first launched in 1992 in Devon by the late Poet Laureate Ted Hughes and friends, and is now an educational initiative of the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group SouthWest.

The scheme consists of three distinct parts: the field visit, the project and the presentation celebration.

The Field Visit

During the visit to a farm or wildlife site the children take part in hands-on activities such as examining a fleece, pond dipping or owl pellet dissection. Emphasis is placed on the food chain, ecosystems and life cycles. The children are encouraged to use their senses, to ask questions and to have fun!

"Extremely valuable learning experience, pupils thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon"

-Teacher, Cornwall Primary School

The Project

Back in the classroom the children do further research on the themes of the field day and prepare a display. This is a team effort that allows the children to develop their ideas and explore the natural environment at school and at home. The focus of the display is led by the children.

"We love the pupil-led learning. The creativity that it has produced has been incredible and the depth of knowledge and retention of information amazing"

- Teacher, Wiltshire Primary School

The Presentation Celebration

The participating schools are invited back for a celebration picnic, where they present their displays to compete for the prestigious KAS Trophy. The panel of judges, with whom the children discuss their work, all have farming and wildlife backgrounds. Family and friends are invited to join the afternoon celebration and share in the children's learning experience.



Get Involved



KAS works with almost 1,000 children every year across four counties: Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and Wiltshire, and now we are bringing it to Dorset!

Volunteers are an essential part of the KAS field days. We are always on the look-out for extra pairs of hands. The field days take place once a year in May or June, for two to four days depending on the county.

The main requirements for being a KAS volunteer are an enthusiasm for outdoor learning, a sense of fun and a willingness to be outside whatever the weather! Roles also include: setting up/taking down the field day site, shepherding groups between activities, supporting the delivery of learning activities, stewarding and helping with the picnic.

If you have a wealth of wildlife knowledge on a particular topic, which you'd like to share with the children, we would also love to hear from you.

KAS is reliant on private sponsors, charitable trusts and local companies for its funding. We are looking to build regular support at a local level in each county, both in terms of financial contributions and/or help from volunteers.

KAS is completely free of charge to the schools, even transport to the farms is arranged!

Would you like to know more about KAS?

If you would like any help or have any questions about KAS you can email info@fwagsw.org.uk OR contact the Dorset county coordinator directly via the contact details below:

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