

## Dormansland School

In September 2016 Dormansland School made a commitment and secured funding to extend their outdoor learning on the Ashdown Forest for regular visits for every class in the school. Each Key Stage 1 and 2 Class at the school is now visiting the Forest for a whole day every term i.e. 6 times a year. It gives them a fantastic opportunity to get to know the Ashdown Forest over the changing seasons.

The children are learning to identify plants and animals, observe the landscape, understand the management of the site and notice new things on each visit. The school has used the experience to enrich their learning in the classroom with follow up activities such as poetry.

The children can walk further more easily, are more resilient and are able to challenge themselves to undertake new experiences. It gives children an opportunity to excel and participate in a different way than they might in the classroom. The children are always happy and excited to be here. They love the Forest and will be the ones who will want to protect the Forest in the future

The programme was such a great success that we are now embarking on our second year of outdoor learning during the school year 2017 – 2018

