

WAGOLL: Debate Writing

Today I am going to be debating whether outdoor learning is a positive or negative experience for children in schools and if it is a valuable experience for children's learning. Whilst some people may believe that outdoor learning positively impacts children's learning and well-being, some may also believe that outdoor learning may have a negative impact.

When we learn outdoors, we are not just sitting in our seats and writing in our books. Outdoor learning encourages us to learn in different ways, including with natural materials and resources and in the fresh air. This helps our learning become more interesting and engaging. When working outside, we can also use all our senses to help us concentrate on our learning. I believe that it is a more fun and interactive way to learn.

Outdoor learning allows us to bring indoor learning activities outdoors into nature. We can complete activities outside such as working in teams, solving challenges, and using our problem solving skills. We need these skills throughout real life and practicing them outside, I believe makes them more enjoyable.

Learning outside is also beneficial for our wellbeing and our knowledge of the world around us. Learning outside allows us to learn in the fresh air, which can help us concentrate and stay calm. I love learning outside because the fresh air makes me feel calm and helps me to gather my thoughts when learning. When learning outside we can also broaden our knowledge of how to look after the world around us. For example, we can let our teacher know if there is any litter on the ground that needs to be collected and learn more about the creatures that live within our local area.

Although many children and adults may believe that outdoor learning is a positive experience, I also understand that some children may not enjoy or find outdoor learning valuable to their education. Some children may become distracted by learning outdoors and find they can concentrate more in the classroom that they are used to. Some schools may also find that they do not have enough outdoor space for learning outside, but this could be overcome by a walk to a local area where there is lots of outdoor space available.

Learning outdoors could also make some children feel uncomfortable if they are not used to being in an outdoor setting for long. The outdoors can be cold and unfortunately, this may have a negative impact on some children's learning experience.

In conclusion, I think that outdoor learning can offer us a range of learning experiences and can be extremely beneficial for those children who may not enjoy sitting in a classroom and prefer to be active outdoors. However, as I previously said, I also understand that outdoor learning may not be an enjoyable and valuable learning experience for some children. I think that every school should let their pupils take part in outdoor learning as it is a fun and exciting experience!



