



# The Muddy Puddle Teacher

The New Approach to  
Outdoor Learning  
Whole School Training Prospectus



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MP award-winning  
Outdoor Learning Approach



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# The Muddy Puddle Teacher Training

This whole school outdoor learning training session is designed for educators who want to transform their teaching practices through outdoor learning using the Muddy Puddle Teacher (MPT) approach. Delivered face-to-face, this comprehensive program provides hands-on experiences, practical strategies, and a collaborative environment to embed outdoor education across the curriculum.

## Training Overview

- Duration: Full-day (6 hours, including breaks). 9:30 am -2:30 pm
- Audience: Whole school staff, including teachers, teaching assistants, and support staff.
- Location: On-site at your school or chosen outdoor venue.

## Training Goals

1. Introduce the Muddy Puddle Teacher approach to outdoor learning.
2. Equip staff with practical tools to deliver curriculum-aligned outdoor lessons.
3. Foster a whole-school culture of outdoor education.
4. Empower educators to adapt teaching methods for different ages and abilities.
5. Build confidence in managing safety and risk outdoors.

## Trainees

- Teachers
- TA's
- Lunchtime Supervisors

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# Training Structure

## Session 1: Introduction to Outdoor Learning (1 Hour)

- Topics Covered:
  - Overview of the Muddy Puddle Teacher approach.
  - Benefits of outdoor learning for physical, emotional, and cognitive development.
  - Whole-school impact of embedding outdoor education.
- Interactive Activities:
  - Icebreaker: “Nature Bingo” to explore the training venue.
  - Group discussion on current outdoor practices and challenges.

## Session 2: Curriculum Integration Outdoors (1.5 Hours)

- Topics Covered:
  - Linking outdoor activities to the national curriculum.
  - Subject-specific strategies for outdoor learning (math, literacy, science, art).
  - Adapting lessons for different key stages.
- Hands-On Activities:
  - Create and trial outdoor lessons in small groups using natural materials.
  - Role-play: Deliver a mini outdoor lesson to peers for feedback.

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## Session 3: Practical Outdoor Techniques (1.5 Hours)

- Topics Covered:
  - Essential skills for outdoor learning: storytelling, sensory exploration, and play-based techniques.
  - Using natural and low-cost resources.
  - Managing diverse learning needs and behaviors outdoors.
- Hands-On Activities:
  - Nature-based challenges: Create eco-art, solve outdoor puzzles, and explore sensory paths.
  - Team-building games to foster collaboration and creativity.

## Session 4: Risk Management and Safety Outdoors (45 Minutes)

- Topics Covered:
  - Conducting risk assessments for outdoor activities.
  - Seasonal considerations and adapting to changing environments.
  - First aid and emergency planning for outdoor learning.
- Interactive Activities:
  - Practice writing a risk assessment for a proposed outdoor activity.
  - Group discussion: Troubleshooting potential challenges in outdoor settings.

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## Session 5: Building a Whole-School Outdoor Learning Culture (45 Minutes)

- Topics Covered:
  - Strategies for implementing outdoor learning across the school.
  - Creating a seasonal outdoor learning calendar.
  - Engaging parents and the wider community in outdoor education.
- Collaborative Activity:
  - Staff brainstorm: Develop an action plan for whole-school outdoor learning.

## Training Resources Provided

- Muddy Puddle Teacher subscription to the website, lesson plans for all staff
- Risk assessment and safety planning tools.
- Seasonal outdoor activity guides.
- Whole-school outdoor learning framework template.

## Post-Training Follow-Up

- Certificate of Completion: For all participants.
- Access to Online Resources: Muddy Puddle Teacher digital toolkit for ongoing support.
- Optional Coaching Sessions: Book follow-up sessions to refine and evaluate outdoor learning practices.

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# Pricing



## Lite

INSET Training Session & 1 year resources subscription






-  For up to 35 staff members
-  1 full INSET day training or 2 twilights
-  1 years subscription to all of our resources for 1 year
-  1 zoom pre-consultation with your allocated teacher-consultant

£3000

Includes VAT, & travel

## Pro

INSET Training Session, 1-year resources subscription & year-long online mentorship

-  For up to 35 staff members
-  1 full day training or 2 twilights
-  1 years subscription to all of our resources for 1 year
-  1 zoom pre-consultation with your allocated teacher-consultant
-  3 follow up zoom staff meetings/Q&A/training top ups/advice sessions over 1 year

£4000

Includes VAT, & travel

## Premium

INSET Training Session, 1-year resources subscription & year-long face-to-face mentorship

-  For up to 35 staff members
-  1 full day training or 2 twilights
-  1 years subscription to all of our resources for 1 year
-  1 zoom pre-consultation with your allocated teacher-consultant
-  2-hour face-to-face consultation meetings with each curriculum specialist team over the year
-  Catch-up consultation meetings with all curriculum specialists teams
-  Final consultation and evaluation feedback with SLT
-  Contact with your consultant 24/7

Starting at  
£10,000

Includes VAT, & travel

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# Reviews



Trustpilot 5 out of 5 stars



Sarah Godbold, Executive Head, Churchside Federation (Sep 2022)

'What a truly inspiring way to start our term! The PD day training with The Muddy Puddle Teacher was fantastic and the staff are excited to start their outdoor learning journey with the children. We are on day two in to term and I have seen four outdoor lessons already!'

Thank you from all of us at Churchside Federation.



Trustpilot 5 out of 5 stars

Louise Foley Headteacher  
Furneux Pelham Church of England School

An excellent day of training. I feel really inspired to try out all the ideas that you have given me. Can't wait to set up our outdoor classroom now.



[See all of our Trustpilot Reviews](#)

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# Awards & Accreditations

## Awards



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## Finalists



## Accreditations



## Charities we support



## Who we work with



## Conferences





# FAQ: What kinds of resources are included?



**Lesson 1 - Rock Detectives!**

**Before we Start**

Go outside and do the Muddy Walk & Talk. Everyone walks around a circle, clockwise. Pair up with another friend, walk side by side and discuss these questions.

- What do you already know about rocks?
- What do rocks look like?
- How do they feel?
- What do we use them for?
- What is their purpose in nature?

**Intro**

What is a rock? Meet our children's search for knowledge about rocks and their uses. This is a lesson plan for KS2 children. It includes a video, a worksheet, and a PowerPoint. The video is a short film about rocks and their uses. The worksheet is a simple one-page document. The PowerPoint is a short presentation about rocks and their uses.

**Aims and Objectives**

- To identify the different types of rocks.
- To understand the uses of rocks in their everyday lives.

**Task 2 - Grouping**

Working in pairs, the children will be given a list of rocks and asked to identify them. They will then be given a list of uses for rocks and asked to identify which rocks are used for each purpose.

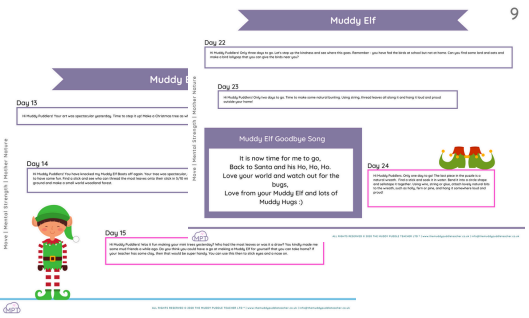
**Exploring at Home Task**

Ask your children to go outside and look for rocks. They should bring them back to school and show them to their friends. They should also try to identify the rocks and talk about their uses.

**Non-e-Books Making | Mental Strength | Mother Nature**

Schemes of work come with 6 lesson plans for that unit and a PowerPoint to introduce the learning; templates, where required, are also included. KS2 opportunities to record each lesson.

Lesson plans, Outdoor eBooks, worksheets and idea packs are also provided.



**Muddy Elf**

**Day 13**

It's Muddy Elf time! We're going to be making our own Muddy Elf. We'll be using some of the things we've learned about rocks and their uses.

**Day 14**

It's time to go! We're going to be taking our Muddy Elf to school. We'll be using some of the things we've learned about rocks and their uses.

**Day 15**

It's time to go! We're going to be taking our Muddy Elf to school. We'll be using some of the things we've learned about rocks and their uses.

**Day 22**

It's time to go! We're going to be taking our Muddy Elf to school. We'll be using some of the things we've learned about rocks and their uses.

**Day 23**

It's time to go! We're going to be taking our Muddy Elf to school. We'll be using some of the things we've learned about rocks and their uses.

**Day 24**

It's time to go! We're going to be taking our Muddy Elf to school. We'll be using some of the things we've learned about rocks and their uses.

**Muddy Elf Goodbye Song**

It is now time for me to go,  
Back to Santa and his elf, Ho, Ho, Ho,  
Love your world and watch out for the  
Dogs,  
Love from your Muddy Elf and lots of  
Muddy Hugs :)

Demonstration videos are provided to help you practically put the ideas in place



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## FAQ: Are you like Forest School?

### **Are you like Forest Schools?**

We are NOT Forest School. We often need clarification with Forest School, but we are entirely different. Many of our schools have Forest Schools and Muddy Teachers trained and used both approaches effectively.

Forest School is holistic and encourages high risks to promote social and emotional well-being, such as tools and fire, and typically is in a woodland area with prolonged amounts of time outside, such as a full day or entire afternoon. The Muddy Puddle Teacher is an Outdoor Learning Approach, an extension of inside teaching and taking lessons outside. We typically use our school grounds, and there are no set periods to stay there, and it can be anything from 10 minutes to full days in the summer.

### **What is involved in The Muddy Puddle Teacher Training?**

#### **Individuals & International Schools**

Individuals and schools abroad typically take the online route and complete the training using an easy-to-use online format. It is very interactive with audiobooks and demonstration videos. It has four stages, and each step takes around 2 hours. There is no written work, just a questionnaire to ensure you get the most from us. You send that once complete, and we send back a certificate and a unique MPT Code; a crest can also be requested.

#### **Whole Schools or Nurseries**

We offer 1-year mentorships to schools and nurseries. We have a 100% success rate with this method.

- 1 x Initial Meeting - Create a bespoke plan with us, just for you and your school. Initial talks will create aims and action plans with your allocated teacher-consultant.
- 1 INSET Day or 2 Twilight Training Sessions on the Muddy Puddle Teacher Approach
- 1 Year Subscription to all of our Resources and Additional Courses
- 4 x Additional Zoom Training Sessions per season to cover Q&A and offer additional support

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