

Our Frog Pond: How real life outdoor experiences enhance children's learning!

Roxwell Pre-school, Chelmsford

At Roxwell Pre-school our frog pond and 'planting, digging and investigating bugs' area have proved to be a real hit with all our children. The frog pond being number one for popularity and fun learning in all six areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS). Hooray!

The idea came about when we kept emptying the green turtle sand and water pit from rainwater due to the lid blowing off on a regular basis, thanks to the good old British weather! We had kindly been offered frogspawn and tadpoles from several parents, which enabled us to start our frog pond.

A plan of action was put in place within the week and one of our loyal partners created the safe and dare I say it, risk free frog pond!

The children have not only gained in knowledge of the life cycle of the frog but because of the real life pond and its inhabitants, they have now gained a true understanding of the process.

Roxwell Pre-school would recommend that all settings should all give this a go, it really is a fun way forward for the under fives and a great learning experience for all involved!

