

Beaumanor Activities

Our **Super Senses Day** encourages children to engage with the world around them through a variety of outdoor sensory experiences - whatever the weather!

SUPER Senses DAY

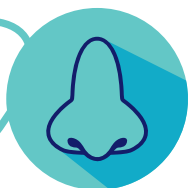


Sound

Areas of Learning: Understanding the world, communication and language, expressive arts and design

Gathered under our spectacular yew tree, children are encouraged to close their eyes and identify what sounds they can pick out. They will be provided with musical instruments and natural materials with which they can then explore sound. Can they recreate sounds they heard? They can discuss which objects made louder sounds, which made softer sounds and use exciting vocabulary to describe the noises.

Smell



Areas of Learning: Understanding the world, communication and language

Children are given the opportunity to explore our sensory garden and are tasked with matching some of the plants to key cards. Their sense of smell can also be explored with our “**smell jars**” and they are encouraged to use descriptive language about what they think the smell might be.

Areas of Learning: Understanding the world, physical development

A walk through Beaumanor's woodland to stimulate their sense of sight and discuss what they can see. Bug magnifiers are available for the children to experience nature up-close.

Sight



Touch

Areas of Learning: Understanding the world,
communication and language, expressive arts and design

Children are invited to utilise their sense of touch with our **'texture trays'** and hidden object **'feely boxes'** to promote discussion about texture. Crayons and paper are available for tree rubbings as well as blindfolds for the sensory game **'Find my Tree'**.



Extra Information

"Taste" has not been forgotten as part of the day - that's lunchtime! Children will require a packed lunch and a mid-morning snack.

Parents need to be advised to send children in suitable clothing and appropriate footwear, as all activities are based outside all year round. Waterproof jackets and / or sunhats will be required. Wellington boots can be worn or brought in a bag.

There will need to be at least two adults per group – one of whom will be a qualified practitioner. The usual ratio of adults to children applies, but you may choose to increase this for the visit. An Outdoor Learning Co-ordinator will oversee all groups as they move around the activities.

Please organise your children into groups before you arrive. There are four stations, so children need to be in four groups of no more than 15 children in each group.

Each station will take approximately half an hour and appropriate equipment will be provided. Please ensure that it is left in good order and in the appropriate place for the next group.

To arrange your preliminary visit or for more information, please ring the Bookings Officer on **01509 890119**.

Preliminary visits are usually arranged for 4:15pm at Beaumanor Hall. At least one leader must attend the preliminary visit. They will then be required to cascade the information to the other leaders on their return to school.

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