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King Athelstan Primary School

Our journey so far





Here at King Athelstan Primary School we are on an incredible journey. We 'dream big'.

January 2018

Consultation with children and staff to inform the design



July 2019
After fundraising for 4 years, the Multi Use Games Area was the first area to be created



September 2020
The brand new area was ready just in time for our children returning from COVID lockdown



Next step
Attention now turns to
fundraising for KS1 outdoor
environment





November 2018
Designs finalised by
Landscape architects
'Outerspace'



June 2020 Work began on the KS2 playground



April 2021
Team of parent volunteers
created growing allotment
area for the children



Next phase To create a new space for our younger children





Key Stage 2 Playground: The transformation

















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Phase 1 Key Stage 2 Playground





The transformation so far

KS2 Playground Before



Outdated trim trail and poor surfacing



Sports field – unusable during wet winter months



Underutilised space

KS2 Playground After



New challenging climbing area and resurfaced playground



New all-weather Multi Use Games Area to promote fitness and well-being



Flat, uninspiring playground with tired equipment



Landscaping to create inspiring spaces and adventurous 'mountain' for children to explore



Maximising use of space with creation of 'Daily mile' running track





Key Stage 1 Playground: The next step

Aim: to create an inspiring space to enthuse and nurture our children.

We want children to have the chance to learn, play and thrive in a safe outdoor space. Their well-being and physical and emotional development, we believe, being the key to successful learning within our themed curriculum.

Phase 2





Key Stage 1 Playground: The next step







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Key Stage 1 Playground: The next step



Phase 2 Key Stage 1 Playground





There will be opportunities for

- climbing and physical development on the climbing equipment, skills sorely under-developed during lockdown restrictions.
- space for role-play and interaction between the children, developing social skills, as well as language acquisition provided by fairy tale houses and hills, bridges and tunnels.
- The storytelling circle with storytelling chair will continue to nurture our children's thirst for stories and build up crucial literacy skills.
- Experimenting with the mud kitchen and interactive play area will develop problem solving, teamwork and an eagerness to investigate.
- A **platform** for performance and drama gives children a safe space to express themselves, again improving language skills and emotional literacy.







KS1 Young Explorer + San Juan climbing equipment





Inspire collaborative play and team building skills

Develop upper body strength for fine motor skills, essential for writing

Enhance mental well being

Provide space to challenge themselves and problem solve

Encourage imaginative play



Dedicated space for our Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Specialist Resource Provision (SRP)





Beneficial extension to the SRP An all-weather outdoor space and sensory garden Outdoor learning develops awareness, confidence, communication skills and self-esteem in addition to the health benefits – both physical and mental.

Enable children additional space to regulate their emotions through the use of sensory equipment such as water and sand play small forest/gardening area, sensory learning circuit

The social, emotional and mental health benefits essential to the holistic development of children and in particular, those accessing the SRP who have additional needs compared to their peers.

Providing additional opportunities where children from across school who are supported by SRP can enhance their sense of self and regulate their emotions.









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Corporate letters – do you work for a company who would be interested in offering sponsorship?

Contact outdoorlearning@kingathelstan.rbksch.org for more details

Grant applications – do you have experience in grant applications or know of a good grant we could apply for?

Giving Machine - https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/ raise money as you shop online! Easy!

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