

Case Study

School: Woodston Primary

Local and Sustainable Food		<input type="checkbox"/>	Zero Waste		<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Happiness		<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Use and Wildlife		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Materials		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainable Water		<input type="checkbox"/>	Culture and Heritage		<input type="checkbox"/>
Zero Carbon		<input type="checkbox"/>	Equity and Local Economy		<input type="checkbox"/>

Title of project: Our Mongolian Yurt

Brief summary of project, what pupils did, any external support etc

At Woodston Primary School we were looking for ideas to improve our learning outside the classroom. We wanted a structure that could be used all year round. We started looking but soon realised that we wanted something unusual, something special, something that would stand out! Our Mongolian Yurt was chosen! We did a lot of research and agreed that only an 'Original Yurt' would do. The Yurt was hand built in Mongolia and shipped over to us, where we had the task of building it. On a nice sunny weekend the Yurt was built by Woodston Staff, no screws or bolts were used at all, only horse hair straps and pigs' bladder ties were used to hold up this 5 metre diameter yurt. When the children saw the Yurt for the first time they were amazed; never before had any of them seen anything quite like it. The Yurt is used for lots of activities including, story time, small groups, bird watching, arts & crafts, willow weaving and lots lots more. Also, because the Yurt is set on decking, we have foxes that live underneath it! Further evidence of our continued wildlife and biodiversity at Woodston Primary School.

We, here at Woodston Primary School, are so happy with the Yurt and believe that we are the only school locally to have one. Our Yurt will continue to be used by the whole school and is the centre piece of our Woodston Primary School Nature Area.