How can the John Muir Award be used across the curriculum?

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES and topics that have contributed to meeting the John Muir Award Challenges of Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share.

Activities can:
- take learning outdoors
- make connections across the Curriculum
- support whole school priorities such as core subject enrichment and strategies to close the attainment gap

Modern Languages
- learn environmental and emotional vocabulary
- translate work into a poster
- write newspaper articles
- create a PowerPoint presentation
- produce a leaflet to attract tourists

Sciences
- sensory exploration of nature
- study biodiversity
- conduct energy audits
- work with experts e.g. ranger services
- pollution surveys
- consider personal impacts and lifestyle choices

Physical Education
- participate in risk assessments
- connect with nature - solo time, personal reflection
- group work – planning and participation
- practical conservation projects – taking responsibility, physical activity
- orienteering
- scavenger hunts
- walking
- review experiences - awareness of self and others
- cross country running
- adventurous activities
- plan sustainable transport

English and Literacy
- creative writing
- presentations
- write newsletter articles
- write a campaign letter
- produce a guide to local wild places

John Muir Award
- wild places: DISCOVER
- EXPLORE
- CONSERVE
- SHARE

Citizenship
- contribute to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of young people and supports wider community cohesion
- investigate local, national and international wild places
- volunteer - community and environmental projects
- initiate a natural resources debate
- campaign on environmental issues
- explore values and spirituality
- Countryside Code
- investigate climate change
- consider fair trade, organic issues

Mathematics and Numeracy
- plan and measure routes
- mapping skills - references and bearings
- estimate and measure height and age of trees
- sort and categorise litter - time spans and biodegradability
- analyse wildlife data

Design and Technology
- consider personal impacts and lifestyle choices
- make bird seed cakes
- recycling
- make compost at school
- consider fair trade and organic foods
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- research ecological footprints
- consider alternative energy sources - large or small scale
- make nature inspired art and crafts - needlework, natural dyes, collages
- consider the social impact of pollution
- experience the seasons
- map land use - understand competing needs

Humanities
- conduct environmental quality surveys
- map read – investigate scale, distance and direction
- learn about conservation values
- investigate the history of local green spaces
- investigate weather and climate impacts on living things
- compare and contrast different wild places
- improve school grounds

Expressive Arts
- map natural sounds
- perform outdoor plays
- create music inspired by nature
- photography
- paint and draw outdoors
- hold celebration events
- present at school assemblies
- make environmental films
- investigate John Muir’s sketches and drawings
- lead guided walks for peers and family
- create exhibitions and displays
- consider the environmental impact of transport
- consider English landscape painting

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