



PIONEER SCHEME ©

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providing high quality,  
progressive outdoor learning  
within your establishment  
through our Pioneer  
Scheme. ©

## Frequently Asked Questions (page 1)

### **Which types of settings and locations is the Pioneer Scheme suitable for?**

Our Pioneer Scheme © is written to be suitable for all types of settings such as nurseries, schools, home-learning, scouts, guides, outdoor groups, forest schools, etc, all over the world. We currently have many subscribers from a variety of settings all over the globe.

### **Which age groups is it for and which level should I work to?**

It is written for 10 progressive years in outdoor learning, starting from any age group. Have a look at our 'Pioneer Scheme Curriculum - All Levels' and our 'Pioneer Scheme Topics Overview' documents to help you pitch your sessions at the right level and content. Regardless of your pupils' ages, if your groups are new to outdoor learning, they would benefit from starting at a lower level as the skills are progressive. (As our co-director leads sessions in the UK for all ages, starting from nursery, she wrote the curriculum with the following topics and linked UK curriculum-objectives in mind, however, our Pioneer Scheme is flexible to enable you to dip in where you need to: Level 1 = Lower Nursery, Level 2 = Upper Nursery, Level 3 = Reception, Level 4 = Y1, Level 5 = Y2, Level 6 = Y3, Level 7 = Y4, Level 8 = Y5, Level 9 = Y6, Level 10 = secondary.)

### **What if the topics I want to cover are in different levels?**

No problem! The Scheme of Work and topics for each level of our Pioneer Scheme do not have to be strictly followed. You can swap and choose those which fit your needs. There are ideas for less/ more able activities on the plans. They give a range of ideas which can then be adapted to your ability range using our Pioneer Scheme Curriculum to help you.

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### What's the difference between your Pioneer Scheme © and Core Values Scheme ©?

Our Core Values Scheme is more flexible as it is solely based around our 5 core values, with no set scheme of work or topics to follow. Each core value is broken down into progressive skills and attributes for 10 levels. It is designed so that you plan the objectives into your own sessions.

Our Pioneer Scheme actually encompasses our Core Values Scheme plus 7 other areas of learning. It also provides a scheme of work giving topics and session plans. The session plans are written to cover all of the objectives within the curriculum for each level.

### What are the 8 main areas of learning in your Pioneer Scheme?

Core Values; Environmental Awareness & Sustainability; Outdoor Skills; Species ID; Knots & Lashings Skills; Reviewing & Reflecting; and two optional units: Tool Skills; Fire-pit Finesse. These 8 areas of learning are further split into skills within each section.

### Do I need to attend training?

As with all aspects of teaching and leading sessions, this depends on your knowledge, skills, experience, qualifications and confidence! You may want to avoid the Tool Tasks and Fire-Pit Finesse Activities if you do not have the necessary insurance, qualifications and experience to teach your pupils how to use and manage fire-pit and tool skills and crafts. If you are not confident delivering the session planned, there are thousands of 'free-choice' activities to swap sessions for within the 'free-choice' section of our website. We can also provide training if required; please visit the 'Courses and Services' section of our website.

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### How can I use your Pioneer Scheme to track and evidence progression?

As part of our unique Pioneer Scheme, we provide child and class trackers for each level, so you are able to keep a track of your students' achievements and progression. You simply tick or date when an objective has been achieved. All of the objectives within all of the areas of learning are progressive over all of the 10 levels.

### How often do I need to run outdoor sessions in order to follow the scheme?

As often as fits with you! There are 4 sessions within each topic: the aim to cover a topic per half term. There are two topics per term, and 3 terms per year. Therefore each level has 6 topics and 24 sessions, enough to last whole academic year if you run a session a week. (If you need more sessions there are over 1000 sessions to choose from within our 'free-choice library' which you can use to consolidate and further develop your groups' skills.)

If you do not run session weekly, no problem. You can choose which areas of learning, topics and sessions to cover and always stretch a level out over two years if necessary.

### How do I navigate the scheme within the members' resources?

You can access the Pioneer Scheme once you subscribe as a teacher/ leader. It can be accessed through the 'Outdoor Learning Plans & Activities,' or through the 'Assessment & Monitoring' sections of our members' resources. The certificates for each level can be found within the 'Certificates' section.

Please see our videos for more guidance on our website content.

<https://www.outdoorlearningmadeeasy.co.uk/outdoor-learning-made-easy-news/introductory-videos-to-explain-our-outdoor-learning-resources/>

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