



# An East Sheen Story: Outdoor Spaces



## Our Story

At East Sheen Primary School, we make the most of our fortunate location by taking advantage of the fantastic outdoor resources nearby. This includes visiting the London Wetland Centre, Kew Gardens, Richmond Park, The River Thames and Beverley Brook to name just a few. We know how important it is for the outdoor learning and play opportunities for our pupils to match the fantastic indoor learning environments of our classrooms. With the completion of the new Year 1 classroom block, The Hertford Building, the school has been able to further enhance its outdoor provision. We have redeveloped the Early Years playground, installed a brand new climbing frame in the Key Stage 1 playground, and with support from Sports England, Next Steps Sports and the amazing PTA, have installed a state-of-the-art all-weather astroturf pitch to go alongside the Trim Trail, mud-kitchen and sandpits. As part of ensuring our site is environmentally sustainable, significant improvements have been made to the drainage and flooding mitigations, including the installation of our rainwater recycling planters.

## What does it look like?



## What Children Say



'Our new astro is amazing! We have so much space' - Year 4 pupil.  
'We have lots of plants, which helps us learn about the environment and helps the bees.' - Year 2 pupil.  
'The astro has made playing sport much better and I like how we have so many different areas in school. I'm part of the Green Team and am really excited about the vegetable garden!'



## What Are We Doing Next?



We are now developing our **vegetable garden**, which will be next to the allotments near the climbing frame. Children will get their hands dirty, planting, growing and harvesting produce to be used in the school kitchen.  
The Green Team is working hard to look at ways of developing the area behind The Hertford Building to develop some quiet reflective spaces in school near the new planters. We will also be developing the wilderness area in the Reception playground for outdoor learning opportunities.