



Kite Flying

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About the activity

At our centres by the sea, your pupils can take advantage of the coastal breezes and learn the skills involved in flying a kite! They will experience an exhilarating sense of success as their kite soars into the sky; once it's up there they need to develop the technique to control it and keep it from crashing!

Activity aims

The aim of this activity is to:

- Introduce the basics of kite flying and the wind window.
- Work in small teams to increase success of launching a kite.
- Allow each participant to experience launching, maintaining flight and manoeuvring a kite.
- Ensure participants work together to increase success as well as supporting and encouraging each other.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to discuss what they have accomplished.

Progression opportunities

Some participants may also:

- Understand the wind window.
- Learn dynamic manoeuvring - stunts and kite tricks.
- Understand basic principles of flight including lift and aero.
- Be able to assess risks and understand how these may be controlled.

In addition, participants should also have developed in the following:

- Interpersonal communication
- Teamwork
- Personal kite flying skills

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the activity, participants will have:

- Demonstrated the ability to listen to, understand and act on instructions received.
- Understood the basic principles of kite flying.
- Developed an understanding of the associated hazards, which could lead to risk.
- Experienced flying a kite.
- Effectively worked in small teams supporting their peers throughout the activity and recognised their achievements.
- Contributed to a post-activity review led by the instructor identifying what they did well and then suggested ways to improve.

Associated vocabulary

Words relevant to safety e.g. rules, risk assessment, safety area.

Words relevant to equipment e.g. kites, strings, spool.

Words relevant to the activity e.g. wind, airflow, aerofoil, lift, tether.

Words relevant to teamwork e.g. achievement, communication, encouragement, listening, participation, review, support, trust, success.