

Bringing the Aldreth Washlands into the Classroom

DVD Supporting Lesson Plan

Lesson	Bringing the Cambridgeshire Fenlands to your classroom	50-minute lesson
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to see the difference between Urban and the Fenland areas To be able to take part in and understand traditional countryside crafts To think about your own space and how to make a positive difference 	
Resources Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the Aldreth Washlands Video Local Map All About Trees Mini Lesson All About Mini Beasts Mini Lesson Countryside Code & Traditions of the Countryside A Guide To Willow 	

Adaption maybe required for student with any additional needs

	Outline	Resources
Introduction 5mins	<p>Has anyone heard of the Cambridgeshire Fenlands or event the Aldreth Washlands Area within it?</p> <p>Show the class a map of the local area, can the students locate –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school? Where they live? The Great Ouse River? <p>The area is located along the Old West River, part of the Great Ouse flowing east from Earith, at the southern end of the 21 miles long Ouse Washes. From Earith, the river meanders through the countryside, until it reaches its confluence with the lower Cam and Ely Ouse just south of Stretham.</p> <p>How close are you to this amazing outdoor world?</p>	Local Map
DVD	<p>Watch the DVD until 2min 30 sec –</p> <p>Do you know what is growing near you?</p> <p>You can have a class discussion around what they might know about the trees growing on their school site or you can use our All About Trees Mini Lesson Activities to get outside and explore.</p>	All About Trees Mini Lesson
DVD	<p>Understanding willow – 2min 30sec – 4min 50sec</p> <p>Looking at how willow grows and the difference between varieties. See out Guide to Willow for further information. Because of the diverse range of different trees growing in the Aldreth Washlands it attracts a wide range of bio-diversity.</p> <p>Do you know what mini beasts are living near you?</p> <p>You can have a class discussion around what they might have seen living on their school site or you can use our All About Mini Beasts Mini Lesson Activities to get outside and explore.</p>	Guide to Willow All About Mini Beasts Mini Lesson
DVD	<p>Growing and choosing the right willow for you - 4min 50sec - 9min</p> <p>This part of the DVD is more for teachers to help them to understand all about willow and how you can get it right if you wanted to grow your own at school. See our Guide to Willow to gain further information</p>	Guide to Willow

DVD	<p>9min – 9min 44sec</p> <p>What other tree seeds can you name?</p> <p>Looking at willow catkins and what they are, you can have a class discussion around tree seeds and how they travel or you can use our All About Trees Mini Lesson Activities to get outside and explore.</p>	All About Trees Mini Lesson
DVD	<p>Willow Crafts - 9min 45sec – 12min 40sec</p> <p>What else do you think you could make from willow? Have a go yourself</p> <p>Class discussion about their ideas – use our Countryside Code & Traditions of the Countryside resources to get hands on with willow weaving and other crafts from the past.</p>	Countryside Code & Traditions of the Countryside
DVD	<p>How to harvest your willow -13min 38sec – 16min 11sec</p> <p>This part of the DVD is more for teachers to help them to understand how to harvest willow which they may be growing on school site to be able to take part in the hands on craft activities. See our Guide to Willow to gain further information</p>	Guide to Willow
DVD - Plenary	<p>16min 12sec - Can you compare the difference between the Aldreth Washlands/Cambridgeshire Fenlands and Ely?</p> <p>What can you see on the DVD, what did you notice? – Class Discussion</p>	