

What is TreePips?

TreePips, the seed of TreeBristol, is a new project working with all primary school-aged children across Bristol. This three year project is the first to be set up as part of Bristol's European Green Capital 2015, with the Mayor's pledge that:

"Every child will feel the ownership of a tree and learn the importance of cleaning up our air."

TreePips will:

-  Provide the opportunity for every primary school-aged child to be involved with planting a tree in Bristol by November 2016.
-  Offer a tree based educational programme to all primary schools, home/ hospital education groups, and pupil referral units, in order to increase children's awareness of trees, and their many benefits.
-  Increase community ownership of trees.

Right Tree, Right Place

The TreePips team will work with you to deliver a well-designed, responsible planting scheme in or near your school grounds or learning environment. We are aware that not every school has space for planting trees, which is why we will be locating appropriate green spaces close to your school. This will also benefit children who are not being educated on school premises. We also have plans to develop a small woodland planting scheme, to ensure a tree is planted for every child.

The majority of trees planted will be 2-3 years old and up to one metre high. A tree aftercare plan will be provided enabling you to care for your trees with minimal fuss. We recommend that you nominate some pupils to be 'tree wardens', and we will provide them with the training they need to help care for their trees.

Educational Activities

We aim to provide creative tree-based learning opportunities for every child, with an emphasis on learning in the natural environment. You can choose from a range of topics, many of which will supplement the national curriculum. We would also like to deliver school assemblies or story-telling sessions. In addition to this, an online education pack will be made available for you to use.

You can opt to have as much or as little input from the TreePips team as suits you, but we would like to offer you up to seven sessions including the planting event, depending on the size of the school/group. Ideally, the educational element will start this spring/summer, leading us into the tree planting season that runs from November until February.

Community Involvement

We will be working closely with your local communities and other organisations, including Avon Wildlife Trust, National Trust, Lighting up Learning, the Forest of Avon Trust and the Forestry Commission. Together, and with your support, we hope to make Bristol a greener city, whilst encouraging children to engage with their natural environment.

Your TreePips Officer will be able to answer any queries. Please email them at the following addresses:

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