



Suntrap Shared Stories

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As a primary school teacher during the 70's to 90's I worked in several Waltham Forest Schools.

I've got lots of fond memories of Suntrap. As a teacher I was able to transfer so much of the work covered at Suntrap back into my school classroom on so many subjects. It was like learning by stealth as the pupils saw a Suntrap visit as a day off from school but they were learning so much without realising.

I was always surprised that although Epping Forest is on our doorstep so many of the children I taught hadn't visited the forest before. Even when I worked at Yardley Primary in Chingford which edges on to the forest.

I am notoriously known for having a poor sense of direction although I tried to pay attention when we were shown how to navigate using a compass. One time I wasn't sure where we were in the forest and it looked as if we were heading in the wrong direction. So I asked my class 'Who wants to lead us back?' and chose the most capable student to direct us back to Suntrap.