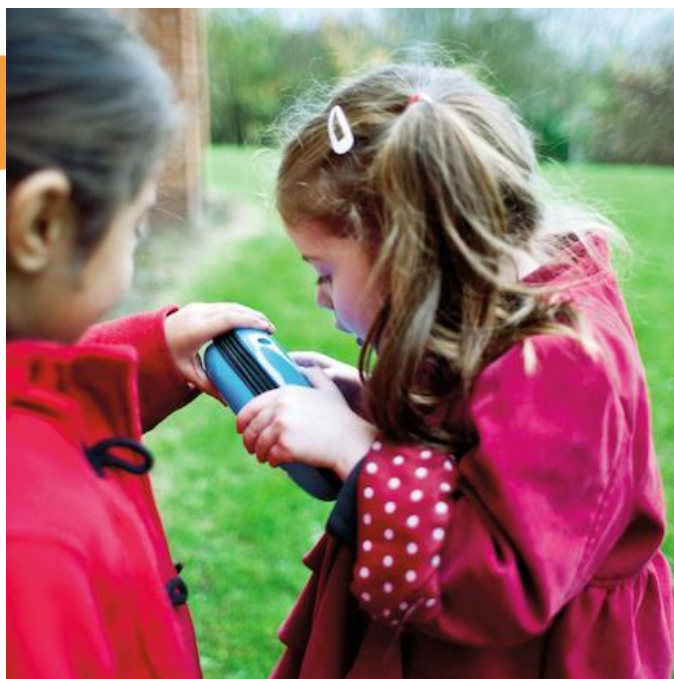


# LEARNING WITH...

## Outdoor Big Point Recordable Buttons (EY04773)

In the early years, outdoor learning offers a fantastic opportunity to engage children's curiosity and creativity. The Outdoor Recordable Buttons are a versatile tool that can elevate children's outdoor learning experiences. These robust buttons are designed to be used outdoors, have a 30-second recording time, include a content pocket, and can be used as a portable device, or be wall-mounted.



### Nature Sound Safari

Take your little explorers on a sensory adventure. Record sounds from nature like chirping birds, rustling leaves, or babbling brooks.

Hide these buttons in the outdoor area and let children embark on a sound safari to see what they can find and identify.

### Retelling Stories Outdoors

Bring stories to life outside by recording sections from stories onto the buttons. Children can listen to lines from their favourite tales such as 'We're going on a bear hunt' in the fresh air. Encourage the children to act out the story as they listen and join in with the retelling.

### Mathematical Treasure Hunt

Create an interactive maths hunt by recording number facts, number bonds, or number sentences on the buttons. Images or number sentences can be placed in the content pocket to show the visual.

Hide them around the outdoor area for the children to find and solve. Can the children create a number or number sentence using natural objects found in the environment?

### Weather Watchers

Teach young children about weather conditions and use the buttons to record descriptions or sounds of different weathers such as rainy, sunny and windy.

Let them listen to the sound recordings before choosing the button that matches the weather. Some children may wish to record sentences on the buttons, creating a short weather forecast.



### Outdoor Music Gallery

Hang these buttons on a wall or fence, each with a different musical instrument image on the front with a recording of the musical instrument sound.

Encourage children to create outdoor symphonies by pressing the buttons in various sequences.

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### Language and Vocabulary Development

Record words or phrases from different languages, new vocabulary, or a word of the day.

Children can listen and repeat, promoting language acquisition.

If children find a new, interesting word, why not invite them to record it on the button, along with its meaning and an image or the word on the front to share with other children.

### Sensory Exploration

Record descriptions of different textures, scents, or tastes (e.g. herbs or planted vegetables) found in your outdoor space. Children can touch, smell, see, hear, or taste items and then match them to the corresponding button.

### Outdoor Quiz

Create a fun and educational quiz using the buttons. Record questions related to various topics and let the children test their knowledge in an outdoor setting. An ideal way of engaging children who like to learn in an outdoor environment.

### Action Songs

Record some action songs or rhymes on the buttons to place around the outdoor area for the children to sing and do the actions to. These could be rhymes and songs such as 'Wind the bobbins up', 'Superman', 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes', or 'If you're happy and you know it' etc. A great activity that develops language, listening skills, and physical development.



### Create Regulation Stations

Why not use the buttons to create 'Outdoor Regulation Stations' where the children can go to be mindful or to feel a sense of calm.

You could record some meditation music, guided meditation stories, or calming sounds on the buttons.

Other ideas include recordings of breathing techniques or calming challenges such as thinking about 3 things that you can see, hear, feel, smell, or taste.

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### Outdoor Alphabet Hunt

Record letter sounds on the different buttons with the grapheme displayed in the content pocket. Hide them around the outdoor area. Challenge the children to find them. Can they identify the sound before checking to see if they were correct? For an added challenge, can the children put the sounds in order, use them to make a word, or find objects in the environment that begin with the same sound?

### Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

Record clues for an outdoor scavenger hunt on each button. Children must solve the clues to find hidden treasures or complete challenges. For extra challenge, you could introduce the children to riddles and use these as clues. Once the children get the hang of it, they may wish to record their own clues or riddles for their friends to solve, before going to find the object.

### Fitness Challenges

Record fitness challenges for the children to complete. These could include challenges such as jumping jacks, squats, or yoga poses. Children can follow the instructions for a fun outdoor workout.

### Inclusion and Accessibility

Utilise the image/word content pocket and the recordable function to make learning more accessible for children with diverse learning needs. Visual and auditory aids can assist children with different ways of learning, including those with SEND.

### Nature Detectives

Encourage children to explore and learn about their outdoor environment by recording bird calls, animal sounds, or facts about the local wildlife, trees, and plants. Children can use them to identify trees, plants and other living things.

### Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

Explore a range of emotions by adding images and words such as sad, angry, or happy into the content pocket on the front of the button. Encourage children to record examples of what makes them feel these emotions. Alternatively, record sentences from stories showing the emotions of characters. Can the children identify how they are feeling and add an image to represent this?