

# CASE STUDY

## Northlands Primary School, Basildon



**Location:** Basildon, Essex

**Year Completed:** 2021

**Project Value:** £150,000

**Featured Products:** Oakwood Galleon Boat, Sea Monster, Hide & Seek, Westgate Shelter, Storyteller's Chair, Forest Story House, Star Stage, Finger Maze Panels, Balance Weaver, Wobble Bridge, Rope Walk, V-Bridge, Arch Bridge, Teepee, Sensory Totems, Jungle Escape, Bird's Nest, Congo Rope Climber

Break times have never been so much fun at Northlands Primary School. Two amazing play areas have been designed, built and installed by Hand Made Places for pupils of all ages at the Essex school.

The main play area is based around the Oakwood Galleon which includes a slide, scramble net, wobble bridge and rope crossing. Children can now clamber aboard using various ramps, or scramble up the climbing wall bow. Lurking outside is a Sea Monster, but students have plenty of places to escape its clutches with Hide and Seek Panels and a Forest Story House close by. A shady, outdoor classroom incorporating a Westgate Shelter, Seating and Storyteller's Chair is perfect for sharing maritime tales while a sea shanty or two can be performed on the Star Stage.

Finger Maze panels line the outside of the imaginative play area, leading to a Trim Trail course featuring the Balance Weaver, Wobble Bridge, Rope Walk and V-Bridge. A collection of timber playground furniture offers the perfect space to take a breather or enjoy arts and crafts. While over the Arch Bridge is a Teepee and five Totem carvings for imaginative and sensory play. The area is separated from a second play zone by Hand Made Places' bespoke Picket fencing and Leaf Gates. They lead to the Jungle Escape climbaround, designed specially for Northlands Primary School. These three towers, linked by bridges and accessed by ropes and ladders, encourage physical play so pupils can develop skills such as balance, coordination and movement. The unit is complemented by additional bespoke equipment incorporating a Bird's Nest Climbing Frame, Congo Rope Climber and Link Ropes. Safety surfacing and artificial grass completed the fantastic £150,000 investment, which Hand Made Places worked on under a turnkey arrangement with the school.

