

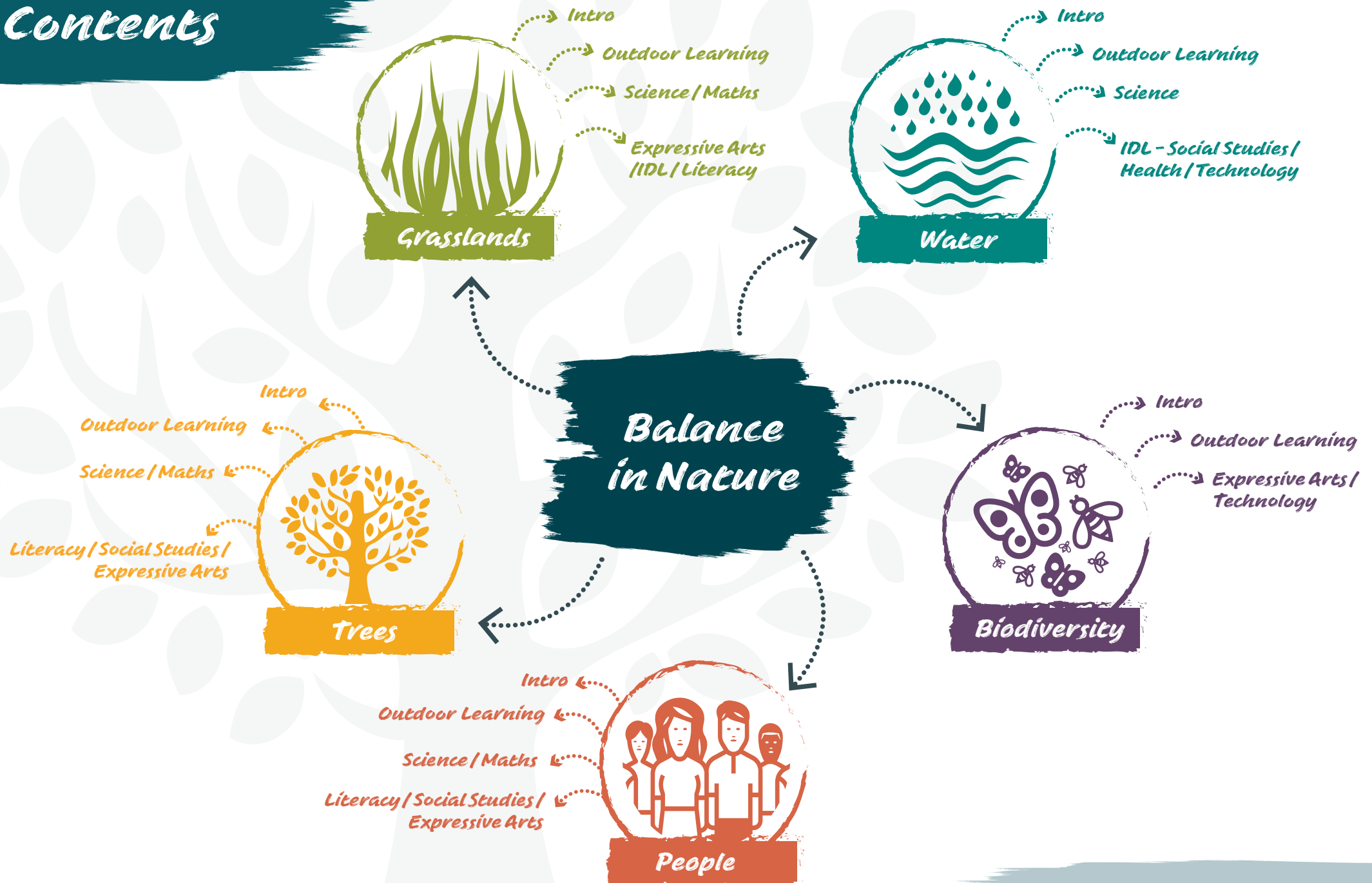


NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND'S
THREAVE LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROJECT

BALANCE IN NATURE



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Learning at Threave Nature Reserve - An Introduction

The National Trust for Scotland's Threave Nature Reserve is on the outskirts of Castle Douglas, in Dumfries and Galloway, SW Scotland. A former small dairy farm, it borders the River Dee and is home to Threave Castle.

In 2019, NTS began the Threave Landscape Restoration Project, an innovative and ambitious 100-year project designed to enable the land to recover from years of traditional agricultural management, restore key habitats and protect biodiversity on this special site. The project takes a sensitive and holistic approach to caring for the land, using new technology alongside developing a deeper, more responsive understanding of the ecology of the land and how it responds and adapts to the changing climate.

The five films by eco filmmaker John Wallace were created over the course of a year, beautifully documenting some of the work done in the early stages of the project and the wildlife on the reserve. They explore each of the three key habitats – water, grassland and woodland, people's relation to and impact on the landscape, and finally the importance of biodiversity.

The Learning Resources create five interdisciplinary packages of learning materials linked to and inspired by the five films that explore the innovative approach to landscape restoration at Threave. These are :

- **Trees**
- **Grasslands**
- **Water**
- **People**
- **Biodiversity**

The learning materials are designed to be delivered in schools across Scotland and are linked to the national curriculum. They can be delivered in the class as an IDL project or within the various curriculum areas as stand-alone lessons. They offer the opportunity to deliver Outdoor Learning and Learning for Sustainability which is connected to a "real life" landscape restoration project.

THREAVE NATURE RESERVE is free and open all year. NTS Rangers are available to deliver outdoor and rural skills education opportunities to schools and community groups at the Reserve, and to talk about all aspects of the Landscape Restoration Project. They can be contacted at ThreaveNature@nts.org.uk.

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The Balance in Nature Education Package forms part of the National Trust for Scotland's Threave Landscape Restoration Project. For any queries, contact the Threave Nature Reserve Team.