

Zip wire and teepee will be part of outdoor fun

A SCHOOL in Five Ashes has started work on a new outdoor education centre as part of a two year development of the site.

Skippers Hill Manor Preparatory School has started work on a 'Willow Walk', which will feature alongside a story-telling circle made of logs.

A zip-wire and a teepee will also be added for the 130 pupils from Kindergarten to Year 8.

It is part of the first phase of a £500,000 investment by owners Bellevue Education, which will see a new creative arts block and improvement of sports facilities.

Head teacher Tim Lewis said:

"Pupils shouldn't be held back from enjoying the great outdoors within school hours. We want them to embrace this zone and throw themselves wholeheartedly into the



ON THE WILLOW WALK: Max Lepere Hunter from Year 7 with Sarah Davis and Ted Burke from Year 1

explorations and activities that will be held here throughout the year.

"It is a great reason to bring the pupils together and learn the

importance too of conservation work, while offering a relaxed environment in which a child's self-esteem and confidence can grow."