

Curriculum 2014 Statement.

September 2023

In September 2014 a new Primary Curriculum came into effect for all children. The new curriculum enables schools and teachers to be more flexible in the way that they deliver the curriculum and so we have been able to continue with our Topic based approach. The Topics take into account the children's interests and special events, whilst ensuring coverage over a two year cycle. Each class follows their own topics which are based on a book/topic.

Curriculum Subjects

Maths is taught in daily discreet lessons and English, Science and Computing are taught within the topic and also in discreet lessons. The whole school take part in a daily 20/30 minute Phonics lesson. We follow the "Sounds Write" Phonics Scheme for our phonics sessions which is an interactive method of learning sounds and blending alongside writing and spelling. Our main reading scheme in Reception and Year 1 is "Dandelion Readers" which is phonetically based and is linked to the teaching in "Sounds Write". This is supplemented and developed in Year 1 and 2 with the "New Way" scheme, which is a phonics based scheme and with "Oxford Reading Tree", "Lighthouse" and "PM" books.

The foundation subjects are taught within the half termly topics. Sometimes there may be a particular focus on a subject e.g. History focus for our "What makes Britain Great?" topic. The topics are based around a question with a class book/s which enables for quality writing across the curriculum. We hold regular special theme days/weeks throughout the year which include "RE Day", "STEM week", "Book Week" and "Summer Craft Day". We also hold special class days e.g. "I am Unique" day. These special days really enhance our curriculum. We also take the children on school visits which again enrich our curriculum provision e.g. visit to the theatre, Crich Tramway Museum and the local garden centre. Visitors are welcomed into school to help or talk about a particular subject e.g. fire safety, dental nurse and optician.

Religious Education

Religious Education is a central part of our school life. The whole school take part in Collective Worship each day coming together for a story, song and reflection time. Collective Worship is led by all teaching staff in turn and children are involved as much as possible, e.g. through drama, reading prayers, discussions and helping with the music in Worship.

Religious Education lessons are delivered following the Derbyshire LA Agreed Syllabus and "Understanding Christianity". Christian festivals and Bible stories are studied in depth and other world religions are also studied e.g. Judaism and Islam.

PSHE also enhances our teaching of values as well as giving the children opportunities to discuss their Rights and Responsibilities, Rights and Wrongs, Feelings and Relationships, Rules and Choices. We follow the "Derbyshire Matters" Scheme of work.

The school's "Do Be Values":- Do be Respectful, Do be Responsible, Do be Friendly and Do be Kind, are reflected in our RE lessons, collective Worship and PSHE lessons and are displayed around the school and referred to by all staff.

Our School Bible verse "I can do all things through God, who gives me strength." is also referred to daily and is on display around school.

Children's achievements outside school are celebrated with our "Flying High" awards and tagline.

Summary of work and parent involvement.

A summary of work is given to parents each half term to ensure that they know what their children will be learning about in school. We ask parents to hear their children read at least three times a week and to help their children with individual targets. Parents are always welcome to come into school to talk to a teacher if they would like more information on the curriculum or particular topic area or to discuss their child.