



St Matthew's C of E Primary School

Curriculum Statement

Vision

Our School's vision rooted in John 10:10 that "I have come that they might have life, life in all its fullness. "-

With love and faith we aspire and achieve.

Intent

Learning and Curriculum

We believe in a broad and balanced curriculum which recognises the uniqueness of every child and which serves to prepare them for their future within a Christian context. We are committed to sustaining high quality learning, and supporting all children to achieve their best. Our school aims to recruit and retain staff of the highest quality and to offer them the working conditions they need to give of their best as they serve the pupils in their care. We all work in partnership with families so that all our children are encouraged to be the best that they can be.

We are an innovative and outward facing school which seeks to continually drive forward to ensure that the opportunities our pupils experience in the classroom is the best that we can deliver. To this end, we are committed to using the best CPD we can to ensure that our teachers continually have the opportunity to reflect and ensure that what is offered is best practice.

St Matthew's Primary has designed its own curriculum in response to the children's needs. It is underpinned by the National Curriculum, enhancing this with opportunities to make learning exciting and in a meaningful context for children both in and outside the classroom.

Implementation

Curriculum design

At St Matthew's, we utilise the mastery curriculum approach, which ensures that our children use and apply their learning across a range of subjects, allowing them to deepen and embed their subject knowledge. This encourages them to make connections in their learning. Our mastery approach to learning in mathematics supported by Glow maths hub helps enhance pupil's mathematical understanding.

A range of visitors, trips and use of our own amazing local environment supports this learning. We aim for all of the children in our schools to experience a wealth of educational experiences in so that they become independent learners fully ready for their next challenge, with a well-developed understanding of the need to fully engage with their community. This can be summed up with our 5-curriculum drivers of: A love of reading, books and literature; Keeping fit and healthy, looking after our well-being; working together with the St Matthew's family to achieve great things; Finding out about the wider world, and exploring other cultures and faiths; St Matthew's is a brilliant place. Let's find out more about where we live: An aspirational curriculum where children persevere and show resilience in all that they do.

Church and Community

We expect all of our children to ask big questions, and to recognise that they need to play their full part in their communities, both in and out of school. In our Church school this is supported by our strong values-based education underpinned by Christian theology which encourages our children to understand why they need to behave and respond in a particular way. In this way our children are fully ready for the demands of life in modern Britain. Our school offers many ways to further develop these skills through the leadership opportunities, through a range of responsibilities appropriate for their age and stage, such as the being a member of the School



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Council, Playground Leaders, Worship Team members and House Captains. This introduces children to the art of decision making as well as supporting their personal development, and helps our community ethos become a reality in our school. We are also committed to supporting our schools to be inclusive environments where tolerance and respect for others are embedded into daily life.

Impact

Achievement

We aim for standards across all subjects, across the school, to be at least in line with national data and ensure that rapid progress is made so that all our pupils are supported to be the best that they can be.

As a school, at every measure, our school was at least in line with National Standards and in many cases exceeded these measures.

SMSC

Through a distinctive ethos rooted in a strong scripture base, linking back to the National Church and Diocesan Vision, (John 10:10) Our school seeks to ensure that every child understands how they are called to live and develop as citizens in modern Britain. This work is supported by P4C which fully allows our pupils to celebrate diversity and differences as well as developing and enhancing their ability to demonstrate tolerance and respect for others.

Next steps in learning

At St Matthew's, we have ensured that the curriculum seeks to enable pupils to reach their full potential ready to take their place for the next stage of their school career.