
Curriculum Overview

At Lower Fields Primary Academy we believe that the curriculum is a powerful tool that promotes a love of learning, a willingness to explore and the opportunity for pupils to enjoy a wide range of learning experiences. Our schemes of work reflect the content and challenge of the 2014 National Curriculum but also aim to develop children's skills for life-long learning. The curriculum is further enriched by our strong ethos based on respect for ourselves and others, equality and a sense of wonder at the world we live in. We are committed to developing the whole child. Our children will have the opportunity to be creative, physically active, academically challenged and experience learning inside and outside the classroom.

The development of English and mathematical skills are our highest priority, however we ensure that all children receive a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes enquiry and creativity. Our curriculum helps to develop pupils not just academically but also encourages perseverance; co-operation and physical development. We actively promote strong values such as tolerance and respect and offer high quality Personal, Social and Health Education to prepare children positively for life in modern Britain.

A range of visits and visitors bring the curriculum alive and our regular use of the school grounds, as a valuable resource, adds diversity and helps to develop an interest in nature and a love of the outdoors. A carefully planned programme of themed days and weeks takes place over the school year. These encourage whole school participation and allow all children in the school to share and develop their learning on a theme. These special days or weeks are enriched with outdoor activities, creative elements and writing for a purpose.

The purchase of a wide range of handheld devices and computers has impacted on improved links with ICT and provides opportunities for children to apply their computing skills across the curriculum.

All pupils participate in regular physical activity which increases fitness and helps them to be ready for learning. Pupils have at least 2 hours of physical education during the week. In addition, they will have the opportunity to take part in bike riding, running, walking or dance as part of shorter bursts of physical activity. Children have the opportunity to participate in a variety of competitive sports within school and in partnership with other schools.

Music is an important part of school life at Lower Fields. Our children have the opportunity to experience good quality music lessons, listen to a wide range of music, compose, perform and sing regularly. Music is used to encourage co-operation, perseverance and teamwork as well as to develop a love of music in our children.

Pupils throughout school participate in regular acts of collective worship. Religious Education lessons cover Christianity and a wide range of other religions. Across school a variety of religious festivals are marked in many different ways e.g. visitors, themed day, assembly.