



St. John's
CE Primary School

Growing and learning together, sharing the love of God

Our approach to the Curriculum

At St John's CE Primary School, everything we do is underpinned by our biblical foundation,

'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love each other.' John 13.34

With this in mind and through regular discussion, evaluation and reflection, the school community have reached an agreement about the curriculum our children need in order to take advantage of opportunities, responsibilities and experiences in life. At St. John's Church of England Primary School, we value each child as an individual with a unique potential for learning. The fundamental aim of our school is to provide opportunities for children to develop as independent, confident, successful learners with high aspirations; creating citizens of the future who know how to make a positive contribution to their community and wider society.

Our school's curriculum drivers shape our curriculum and ensure that learning is tailored to the needs of the children at our school. We have decided to call our drivers 'Compass Points' as they guide our vision vessel to sail in the right direction.

Our Compass Point Curriculum Drivers are:

Citizenship
Oracy
Mastery and Mind Set
Past, Present and Place
Aspiration
Self-esteem
Spirituality

Our bespoke curriculum at St John's, has been designed to take account of the statutory requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and the Primary National Curriculum. It is organised and planned to ensure that it provides a balanced mix of academic learning and personal development. In order for our children to be successful learners we also place high value on nurturing self-esteem and ensuring that the physical and mental well-being needs of all of our children are met well.

Our curriculum is enriched with opportunities to visit places of educational interest, performing on a professional stage, welcoming visitors to school, offering after-school clubs, linking with other local schools within our multi-academy trust and also beyond. Our local environment also provides a wealth of opportunities such as learning to sail and participating in Forest School. We have a strong link with St John's Church.



Each curriculum subject has a Subject leader who has an overview of planning for that area of learning across the school. The journey of learning for each subject considers how skills, concepts, knowledge and vocabulary connect and build over time so that our curriculum is cohesive, coherent and enables children to know more and remember more.

Throughout the teaching of the curriculum, we promote, explore and outlive our school 'Christian Values' that are

Courage

Truthfulness

Respect

Compassion

Forgiveness

Friendship

We believe that our values and curriculum drivers also underpin the school's British Values. We explicitly teach children about our Christian Values in Collective Worship and also make time to explore them further in whole school days or weeks.

Pupils have opportunities to share their learning with each other, their parents and carers and other learners through school based and external exhibitions, performances, competitions and events involving other schools when possible.

The school Academy Improvement Plan drives areas for development of the curriculum to ensure that it remains the best that it can be to meet the needs of children at St John's CE Primary School. We use INSIGHT, a pupil progress tracking system to ensure that all children build on previous learning and are making progress. All subject leaders, as well as the Senior Leadership Team and Governors are involved in monitoring the curriculum. Impact is reviewed and monitored through learning walks, lesson observations, work scrutiny, pupil voice and pupil progress meetings.