



# Curriculum

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The focus in morning classes is on core skills in English and Maths and the curriculum taught is that laid down in the National Curriculum for children at Key Stages 1 and 2. Reception children work on the Early Learning Goals. The curriculum is well balanced and broad and is relevant to children of all ages and abilities.

The school operates a thematic approach to learning and much of the work is taught through the use of integrated topic themes. Where appropriate, English teaching is linked to the current learning theme, and high standards of English reading and writing are expected across all subjects. To ensure continuity and progression for all pupils, considerable time is allocated to whole school planning, evaluation and assessment.

Children with *Special Educational Needs* are supported within the classroom and, where appropriate, will be supported in smaller groups for more focussed learning. There is regular consultation between the school and parents regarding the ongoing assessments and reviews for children with additional needs. We also obtain support through the local education authority.

Teaching assistants are employed within the school to assist teachers in providing the best levels of learning for all, as well as delivering individual programmes of work for children with specific difficulties.

Governors and staff also seek to support *able, gifted and talented* children. Children with exceptionally high ability are given adapted learning tasks designed to stimulate and encourage their development, interests and enthusiasm. Able pupils generally show high intellectual and academic ability; gifted learners have exceptional ability or potential across a range of academic subjects; and talented pupils excel in specific practical or creative areas, such as music, sports, or art.

*Promoting a positive learning behaviour* is an important part of our school curriculum. We expect all children to work their hardest in all subjects to help them reach their full potential. The following qualities are regularly discussed:

**Reflectiveness:** being able to evaluate what they have accomplished and learnt, as well as planning what to do next to move on in their learning.

**Resilience:** being able to stick at something, to be absorbed in their learning and to manage any distractions around them.

**Resourcefulness:** being able to use their initiative and make learning choices as they go about their daily lives, to be able to solve problems.

**Reciprocity:** being able to learn with others and develop the skills of negotiating and listening to each other's views, as well as being a tolerant, encouraging and respectful team member.

## **Religious Education**

Religious Education is taught in accordance with the Wiltshire agreed syllabus and guidelines from the Diocese of Bristol Board of Education. We also use the *Understanding Christianity* resource to deliver the specific Christian units. Collective worship takes place daily and the children attend services at St. Peter's Church, Kington Langley regularly throughout the year. Parents should contact the head teacher if they wish their child be removed from these. Children not attending collective worship will be supervised and set individually based activities.

## **Swimming**

Children have *swimming lessons* on a weekly basis over particular terms of the year. This year, pupils in Years 4–6 are included in this. Parents' contributions cover the costs of coach travel. Parents are also asked to contribute towards some other activities such as educational visits and visitors, however, our PTA love to help with the cost of trips for each class.

## **Use of the internet**

The internet is an essential element in 21<sup>st</sup> century life – for education, business and social interaction. The school feels a duty to provide pupils with quality internet access as part of their learning experience. Internet access is an entitlement for pupils who show a responsible and mature

approach to its use. Therefore, staff, pupils and parents are asked to sign an agreement form regarding use of the web.

## **Personal and Social Health Education**

This is taught throughout the school, which also includes Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), and is appropriate to the age and maturity of the pupils. The Year 6 children have specific RSE lessons with parents being informed in advance. They then have the right to withdraw children from such sessions. Any parent who wishes to discuss this further is welcome to discuss matters with the head teacher.

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## **Visits and visitors**

Educational visits and visitors are an important and valuable part of the learning experience at Langley Fitzurse School. We encourage the children to take part in all planned activities. Some of these activities may be chargeable.

## **School policies**

If parents wish to see any school policies relating to curriculum or other issues, please visit our website or contact the school office. Summaries of our last OFSTED & SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools) reports are also available online or in school should you wish to read them.