



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Curriculum statement

Mission statement

Our Mission is to live in the way Jesus wanted. He told us to:

"Love one another as I have loved you."

St. Joseph's seeks to be a community in which we build the Kingdom. It is a welcoming, caring place, where Christ is central to everything we do. Every member of the community is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. St. Joseph's is rooted in Gospel values, which foster tolerance, respect and self-esteem.

We aim to fulfil our Mission by:

- Living as a good news community, valuing all members equally.
- With Jesus as a role model, developing in everyone a sense of self respect, belonging and respect for others.
- Striving to enable all children to reach their full potential through a broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum.
- Working together to achieve excellence in everything we do.
- Developing strong home/ school and parish links.
- Ensuring the success of everyone involved in the school community, nurturing their individual talents and supporting their individual needs.
- Having high expectations of everyone.
- Nurturing the faith journey of everyone through meaningful prayer and liturgy.
- Ensuring a calm and positive atmosphere in all areas of the school.

Intent

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We offer a high quality, bespoke curriculum covering all elements of the National Curriculum in thematic units driven by Cornerstones Education's Big Ideas ©.

Big ideas

Humankind Understanding what it means to be human and how human behaviour has shaped the world.

Processes Understanding the many dynamic and physical processes that shape the world.

Creativity Understanding the creative process and how everyday and exceptional creativity can shape the world.

Investigation Understanding the importance of investigation and how this has led to significant change in the world.

Materials Understanding the properties of all matter, living and non-living.

Nature Understanding the complexities of the plant and animal species that inhabit the world.

Place and space Understanding the visual, cultural, social, and environmental aspects of places around the world.

Comparison Understanding how and why things are the same or different.

Significance Understanding why significant people, places, events and inventions matter and how they have shaped the world.

Change Understanding why and how things have changed over time.

Implementation

General principles

Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- explore the breadth and depth of the national curriculum
- experience the challenge and enjoyment of learning
- develop a rich and deep subject knowledge
- learn within a coherent and progressive framework
- develop and demonstrate their creativity

SMSC/FBV

Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- Spiritual - Explore beliefs, experience and faiths, feelings and values; enjoy learning about one self, others and the surrounding world; use imagination and creativity and reflect on experiences
- Tolerance and respect - To respect and tolerate the opinions or behaviour of others
- Moral - Recognise right and wrong and respect the law; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues and offer reasoned views
- Social - Use a range of social skills to participate in the local community and beyond; appreciate diverse viewpoints; participate, volunteer and cooperate; resolve conflict

Enrichment

We will enrich our curriculum by:

- offering opportunities for children to learn outdoors
- holding specialist curriculum days or weeks
- welcoming parents and carers to take part in children's learning and experiences

Pedagogy

Our curriculum will be taught through a pedagogy that:

- enables and fosters children's natural curiosity
- excites, promotes and sustains children's interest
- offers all children a memorable experience at the start of every topic

Impact

Well-being

Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- learn in a peaceful and supportive environment
- learn how to respect themselves and others
- build respectful friendships
- develop self-esteem and confidence in their abilities
- recognise that people are good at different things

Pupil voice

Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- make a positive contribution to the school and local community
- explore ways of becoming an active citizen
- make choices about things that are important to them
- express their opinions on a range of different topics and issues