

## Curriculum Overview

Everyone at Willoughby Road Primary Academy recognises the shared responsibility we have to ensure all children develop a love of learning to last a lifetime.

Through an enriched curriculum and extra-curricular activities we create a range of opportunities to develop children's interests and talents. We believe that happy children, who want to come to school, develop positive attitudes to learning. We promote their enjoyment of learning, nurture their curiosity and spark their creativity.

We guide children so they develop into confident learners who are prepared to tackle new things with increased independence, feeling secure enough to 'have a go' and have the resilience to keep going. We want them to learn from first-hand experience, to find out and to use new information to develop and deepen their knowledge, understanding and skills.

The learning culture in our Academy enables all learners to challenge themselves and respond positively to feedback to further extend their learning.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) we follow the statutory framework, this sets standards for the care and education for children from 0-5 years old. All children in Nursery and Reception are mainly taught through games and play.

The areas of learning are:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive arts and design.

Children experience a variety of activities and staff skilfully observe and assess them to plan future activities that support and challenge the children whilst incorporating their interests and abilities. Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking that takes place both indoors and outdoors.

For more information regarding the Early Years Foundation Stage please speak to a member of staff or follow the link below:

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/01/EYFS\\_Parents\\_Guide-amended1.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/01/EYFS_Parents_Guide-amended1.pdf)

At Willoughby Road, in years 1-6, we follow the statutory National Curriculum which sets out programmes of study, on the basis of Key Stages, alongside subject content for those subjects that should be taught to all pupils.

The National Curriculum in England:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and

- prepares pupils at the Academy for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. This includes British values, as endorsed by the Department for Education (DfE), 'Promoting fundamental British Values as part of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) in schools,' is set in the context of our work on Pupil Voice to include Democracy: making decisions together, Rule of Law: understanding rules, Individual Liberty: freedom for all and Mutual Respect and Tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated.

## **Our Curriculum**

Our curriculum is designed to be broad, balanced, creative and relevant to children. It provides first hand experiences enabling children to be active in their learning and follow lines of enquiry which will both inspire and motivate them to ask questions and investigate. Learning through a theme / topic ensures that the children are motivated, engaged and enthused by their learning in all areas of the curriculum: Science, Geography, History, Art, ICT, Music, Design and Technology. It also enables the children to make purposeful links between subjects and reflect upon the importance of each of these within our ever-changing World. Opportunities for role-play and learning outside the classroom help to embed new skills and through peer and teacher feedback the children evaluate their learning journey and seek to improve and extend the skills that they develop. To enable our children to reach their full potential, we encourage and expect high standards of work.

For more information about the themes followed in each year group and Key Stage see individual class pages.

## **Enrichment Visits and visitors to school**

Each term our curriculum is enhanced through educational visits and visitors to school, for example Hall Farm Park, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Brackenhurst, The Deep, Rand Farm Park and The Journey Exhibition at the National Holocaust Centre. We are also committed to residential visits which will see Years 4 and 5 going to Rand Farm Park and Year 6 visiting Shropshire this academic year.

We also welcome a number of visitors to school from local charities, churches and sports backgrounds.