

Curriculum Intent

At St Leonard's CE Primary School and Nursery we work together as a team with our families and local community. We believe that every child should enjoy their education and be happy, healthy and safe at school. We aim to nurture unique, resilient and reflective learners through a challenging and stimulating environment and a broad and balanced curriculum which inspires a love of learning and builds on children's knowledge, understanding and skills regardless of their starting points.

Through a creative curriculum, children are equipped with the characteristics of effective learning and skills to acquire knowledge. They flourish in their academic, social, moral and spiritual development. We celebrate the culture and heritage of every child. We promote Christian principles alongside learning and celebrating the faiths of other religions. St Leonard's encourages an appreciation of the natural world as a source of wonder and inspiration, which is promoted through our outdoor Forest School and school grounds. We believe that effective partnerships between children, staff, parents, governors and the wider community are central to the success of our children. Our children respect themselves and others, understand their role in school and the world beyond.

Pupils are actively involved in making decisions through our school council, pupil surveys - pupil voice and leadership are encouraged through cross phase collaboration e.g. our Buddies, the Trust Charter work. We champion success in sport at all levels, giving a wide range of opportunities for our children to be involved in sport within the community.

Ensuring that our children are active and involved in their learning, enables them to achieve to their highest potential, not only in academic work but also as artists, sportsmen, scientists, writers, orators, decision makers, creative thinkers and responsible citizens for life in modern day Britain.

Our school is a caring place where children and adults make valuable contributions and are inspired to think for themselves and feel confident to meet new challenges. It encompasses all learning styles and meets the needs of 21st Century learners. Our teaching fosters a lasting enjoyment of learning.

At St Leonard's CE Primary School children are encouraged to develop into mature young adults, who uphold British Values and are prepared for an ever-changing world.

Our Curriculum Rationale

When designing our curriculum we took a number of key factors into consideration, these include:

- Ensuring a sensible learning journey from Early Years to Year 6 for each strand of the Curriculum.
- The interests of our pupils – what made them excited and enthusiastic to learn
- The needs of our local area
- Our attainment results
- What our learners and families wanted
- What was needed to support our learners to become effective contributors, responsible citizens, successful learners and confident individuals in England today

Our children are taught to understand that learning is a lifelong skill; one that makes a difference to their lives now and in the future. By the time our children move on to Secondary School we aim for them to have developed the following:

- A love of learning
- Resilience
- Healthy Attitudes
- A Growth Mindset
- Confidence
- Independence
- Literacy and Numeracy skills
- Secure in their use of technology
- Good communication skills
- Self-Awareness/Reflective
- Social Skills – including good manners
- Skills for life-long learning
- Problem Solving
- Critical thinking
- Respect/empathy/tolerance
- Strong moral values
- The ability to adapt and cope with change

As a school community we reflect regularly on our curriculum and school aims to ensure we are supporting the development of these skills and qualities.