



Ashurst Curriculum

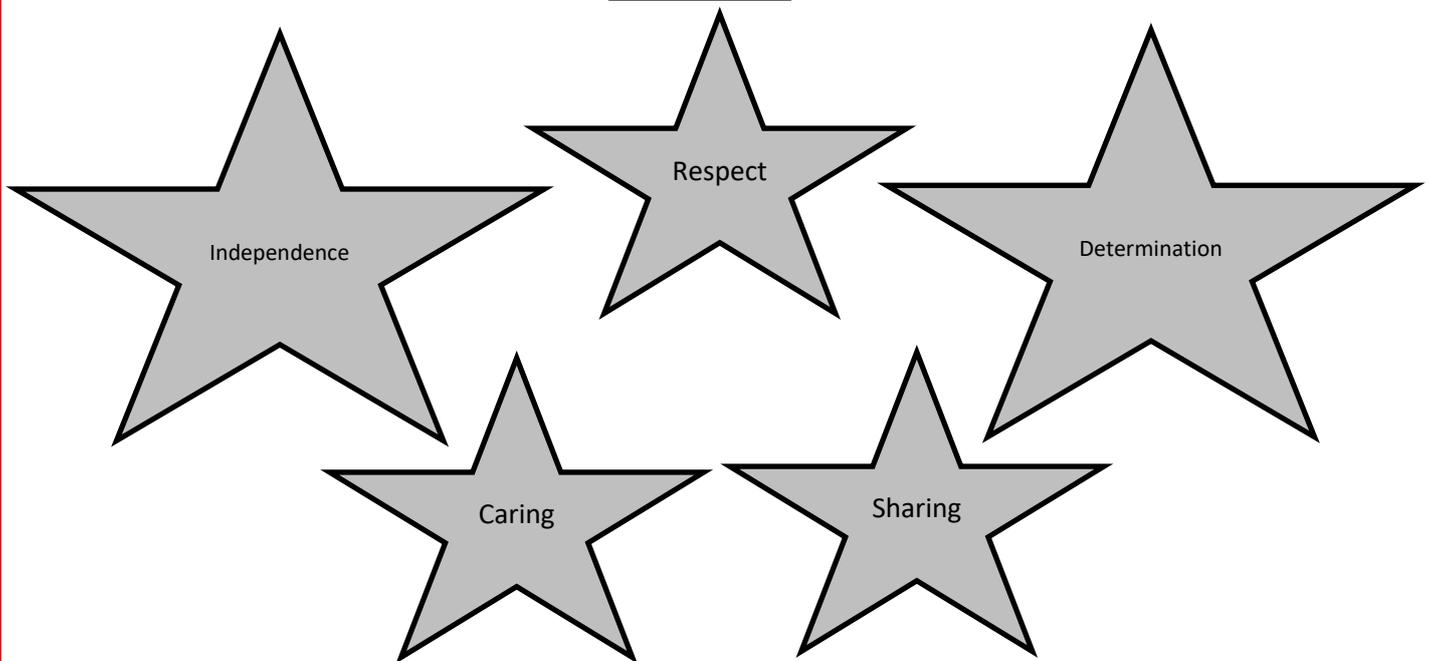
At Ashurst Primary School our curriculum we believe in a broad and balanced curriculum where all subjects are valued.

Our creative, topic based curriculum inspires and engages our children. Throughout the learning journey of Ashurst first hand experiences and investigative learning enhances the curriculum, including rigour and high standards throughout. We ensure that children are given opportunities to widen their knowledge and understanding of the world and learn how to apply skills which will make them successful learners for life as well as enhancing their social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

All learning at Ashurst is based around our Kagan learning philosophy which engages all children enabling them to work collaboratively sharing learning experiences and building resilience when faced with challenges.

At the heart of all learning at Ashurst are our core values which are the golden thread in the life of the school, resulting in a culture where children love to learn, embrace challenge and show positive attitudes towards learning. We believe these values in addition to the half termly values are fundamental in preparing our learners to leave Ashurst equipped with the behaviour and attitudes that will enable them to succeed in the next stage of their education. These values are as follows; you will see them in action with all our learning and are part of the learning culture within our school.

Ashurst Values



Maths, English and Phonics are taught discretely each day, however the skills taught are applied within other curriculum areas to embed learning.

In addition to this we also have theme weeks and days to explore aspects of learning and to provide a whole school focus e.g.

Multicultural Week	Science Week
E Safety Week	Arts Week
Sports Week	World Book Day

At Ashurst PSHE is taught weekly as a discrete subject as we believe this ensures children have the opportunities to discuss and debate moral and ethical issues in an environment where they feel safe. This enables our children to explore, deepen and share learning experiences, recognising the difference between right and wrong and respecting other viewpoints. Such issues are linked to bullying, stereo typing and mental health. In exploring these areas this allows our children to appreciate the viewpoints of others, develop their own social skills and engage with the fundamental British Values.

Our topic based approach and project ideas are shared with parents/carers to support home learning. The topic based curriculum ignites learning and sparks interest and engagement enabling children to also lead their own learning. An overview of the topics can be seen on the long term plans on each class page on the website.

Each topic will:

- Last for approximately a half term with home projects celebrated in week 3.
- Each topic starts with a wow or hook in to engage learners
- Topic Web overview and project ideas for children to choose sent home to parents/carers in the first week detailing key learning
- Include visit or a visitor where possible
- Use Kagan approach throughout to support collaborative learning, resilience and independence skills
- Basic skills applied in all curriculum areas
- 'Excellence Everyday' in all learning showing high standards and expectations
- High quality reading, writing and spoken language throughout the curriculum

Children in Ashurst Primary School will:

- Be entitled to and experience two educational visits a year/visitors to enrich the curriculum and provide our children with a visit to the beach in Key Stage One and to a contrasting location of the Lake District in Key Stage Two.
- In Year 6 all children will be entitled to a residential trip.
- In Year 6 children are Ambassadors for the high standards and expectations evident in everyday life at Ashurst.
- Through democracy our children have the opportunity to vote for Ambassadors/School Governors in each class who lead our curriculum/School development in a variety of subject areas.
- Celebrate their learning through an assembly each year for parents/carers
- Experience and widen their understanding and knowledge of the Arts culture through museum visits, theatre productions, working alongside artists etc.
- Participate in theme weeks/days to promote and enhance the ongoing working in the curriculum and be part of a whole school focus and celebration.
- In Year 5 children perform in a service as part of our network of schools in producing a performance for Remembrance Day.
- All children in Year 4 are taught to play an instrument and participate in termly concerts to show case their skills.
- In Key Stage One our children take part in Song Fest and perform along with other schools.
- We have a specialist PE Coach and Music teacher to enrich and enhance children's experiences through their senses and physical interaction with their surroundings, both in the curriculum and through extra-curricular opportunities.
- Ashurst children have the opportunity to participate in inter- competitions building their resilience in a competitive environment. In addition to this we offer a vast array of opportunities to participate in artistic and sporting events and all children in Key Stage 2 going swimming.

Our Ambassadors are our leaders of learning at Ashurst and are an important part of reviewing our curriculum as they feedback to curriculum leaders. As a result, we are constantly reviewing and responding to their feedback in addition to our own monitoring and analysis ensuring the very best outcomes and enrichment opportunities are on offer as part of the Learning Journey at Ashurst.

'Excellence Everyday'



'To ensure everyone achieves success and happiness within the Family of Ashurst'