



Curriculum Policy

At Aspin Park, our curriculum is based on the September 2014 National Curriculum for Key Stages 1 & 2 and the Early Years 2012 framework in Reception.

Our rigorous, well planned curriculum combined with high quality teaching ensures that children are supported to be well rounded, empathetic young people who have a genuine thirst for learning. Children develop a strong sense of moral purpose in addition to a respect for and understanding of people.

Introduction

The curriculum is all the planned activities that we as a school organise in order to promote learning, personal growth and development.

It includes, not only the formal requirements of the National Curriculum, but also the range of extra-curricular activities that the school organises in order to enrich the experiences of our children.

It also includes the 'hidden curriculum', or what the children learn from the way they are treated and expected to behave.

We aim to teach children how to grow into positive, responsible people, who can work and co-operate with others, whilst developing knowledge, skills and attitudes to learning, in order that they achieve their true potential.

Values

At Aspin Park we strive to enjoy our learning and make it as much fun and as meaningful and relevant as possible. We offer children an excellent education in a safe, calm, creative, inclusive and stimulating environment.

Every child is valued as an individual; we aim to nurture well rounded, respectful and confident children who will develop skills for life-long learning. We nurture our children on their journey and encourage them to be creative, unique, open-minded and independent individuals, respectful of themselves and of others in our school, our local community and the wider world.

We take our responsibility to prepare children for life in modern Britain very seriously and ensure that the fundamental British Values are introduced, discussed and lived out through the ethos and work of our school.

Our curriculum promotes respect for the views of each individual child, as well as for people of all cultures. We value the spiritual and moral development of each person, as well as their intellectual and physical growth.

We organise our curriculum so that we promote co-operation and understanding between all members of our community. We are fortunate at Aspin Park to have a spacious learning environment. This is respected and used by all in school and we aim, through our curriculum, to teach respect for our world, and how we should care for it for future generations, as well as our own.

At Aspin Park our values permeate all areas of school life and are reflected by the schools motto '**Sowing the Seeds of Success**' which the school has defined with the help of the children as **Enthusiasm, Effort, Courage, Ambition, Focus & Responsibility**.

Aims

At Aspin Park, we aim to offer a balanced and broad based curriculum which enables all pupils to:

- Enjoy learning
- Feel successful in their learning and to promote high self esteem
- Become creative, independent learners
- Be given significant time to learn new skills and have time to practise those skills
- Have the flexibility to decide how best to learn in different situations
- Have the flexibility to decide what they are going to learn and how
- Be given the opportunity to decide upon the final outcome of their learning
- Be able to set own targets for learning
- Know what their strengths are and which areas they need to develop
- Become successful lifelong learners who are able to reach their full potential
- Be able to evaluate and assess their own learning
- Develop their critical thinking
- Understand and value the importance of truth, fairness, right and wrong

- Nurture positive relationships promoting working co-operatively with one another
- Help children understand Britain's cultural heritage
- Explore their spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development.
- Learn and practise the basic skills of English, Mathematics and Computing
- Makes learning more meaningful by putting it into context
- Challenge themselves and engage themselves in deeper learning

This generic 'Curriculum Policy' is detailed by specific Subject Policies which can be found within this tab.

Each year group also has a set of key skills to meet across all subjects during the year which are also detailed under the Curriculum tab.

For more information on any of the work the school does on curriculum, please contact the school directly, or if you want to speak to anyone about a specific subject, please see our list of Subject Leaders.

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