



My Schools Together

Mather Street Primary School and Yew Tree Community School

Curriculum

The federation offers a broad and balanced curriculum, in line with the Department for Education's National Curriculum guidelines and the Early Years' Foundation Stage Curriculum.

In nursery and reception, the children will experience a wide range of practical and first-hand experiences in order to promote personal, social & emotional development, physical development, communication & language, literacy, mathematics, understanding the world and expressive arts & design.

From year 1 to year 6, the children are taught the National Curriculum and Religious Education. Half-termly year group newsletters are sent home to provide additional information for parents about the topics being taught and ideas to support their children's learning at home.

We welcome visitors in school to talk to the children and educational visits take place every half term.

Children have the opportunity to share their work on the website, on Purple Mash, as part of displays around school and in celebration assemblies.

Reading

The children are exposed to a range of reading books. In EYFS and KS1, Letters and sounds, Oxford Reading Tree's Songbirds and Pearson's Bug Club are the main schemes used.

Phonics

Children in EYFS and key stage 1 are taught phonics as a whole class, based on the Letters and Sounds Scheme.

Maths

In September 2015, the school started using the Inspire Scheme as a framework for the teaching of mathematics. This resource was chosen as it promotes the use of the CPA approach to the teaching of mathematics i.e. Concrete → Pictorial → Abstract. The children are encouraged to use concrete equipment before being exposed to the abstract calculations. The framework is used to teach the objectives from The National Curriculum.