

THURLBEAR CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM POLICY

Introduction

Learning and teaching are at the heart of our school. We strive to instil a love for learning where individuals are valued for their unique contribution. Our school curriculum is underpinned by our Christian ethos and our vision, aims and values as a Church of England School. "Train up a child in the way they should go" as we strive to create an irresistible Church School; a beacon for learning experiences which lead to great life achievements. We aim to provide high-quality, **educational experiences** that are focused on continued improvement in whole school standards and the development of **independent** and **responsible** learners who know how best they learn and how best to improve.

Aims and Objectives

The curriculum will help our children to:

- Develop lively and enquiring minds.
- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Learn the essential skills of life, including number and information technology.
- Explore and understand the world we live in.
- Develop an appreciation of the interdependence of individuals, groups, and nations.
- Express themselves creatively and enjoy the creativity of others.
- Develop an appreciation of a wide range of human achievement.
- Develop personal, moral, and spiritual values, including respect for others.
- Be prepared for the opportunities and responsibilities of life in a changing world.
- Learn how to learn and to regard learning as an enjoyable and lifelong activity.
- Develop a wide range of interests and appreciate the need for a healthy lifestyle.
- Set personal standards of achievement and value excellence.
- It will reflect changes in new Teaching & Learning initiatives.
- It will reflect the outcomes of 'Every Child Matters.'

To achieve these aims, the curriculum is planned to be:

- **Broad** so that it provides a wide range of knowledge, skills, and experiences.
- **Balanced** so that each subject has sufficient time to contribute effectively to learning.
- **Relevant** so that learning can link to the pupil's experience to applications in the world at large.
- **Coherent** so that topics can be linked, where possible, to make the whole learning experience more meaningful.
- **Progressive** so that what is taught builds in a systematic way upon what has already been learned.
- **Accessible** so that there is equality of opportunity for all.

Organisation and Planning

We plan our curriculum in the following way: We agree a long-term plan for the whole school. This indicates what topics are to be taught in each term, and to which groups of children. We plan across year groups and within year groups to produce our medium-term plans. Our plans are reviewed regularly.

Weekly plans are produced and placed on the p-drive.

With our medium-term plans, we give clear guidance on the learning objectives and teaching strategies, where appropriate, that we use when teaching each topic. The basis of such plans is from the National Curriculum 2014.

Our short-term plans are those that our teachers write on a weekly or daily basis. We use these to set out the learning objectives for each session, and to identify how work will be adapted to suit the needs of the children, including those with an Individual Learning Plan (see SEND policy which includes disabilities).

We strive to provide a curriculum which has a variety of enrichment activities that are integrated into the curriculum plans for each year group throughout the school year, both in and out of the classroom environment.

We are well aware that all children need the support of parents and teachers to make good progress in school. We strive to build positive links with the parents of each child by keeping them informed about the way in which the children are being taught and how well each child is progressing.

THE FOUNDATION STAGE

The curriculum that we teach in the reception class meets the requirements set out in the revised National Curriculum at Foundation Stage. Our curriculum planning focuses on the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and on developing children's skills and experiences, as set out in this document.

Our schools fully support the principle that young children learn through play, and by engaging in well-planned structured activities. Teaching in the reception class builds on the experiences of the children in their pre-school learning. We do all we can to build positive partnerships with the variety of nurseries and other pre-school providers in the area. During the children's first year the reception class teacher makes assessments on the Foundation Stage Profile. This assessment forms an important part of the future curriculum planning for each child.

THE ROLE OF THE SUBJECT LEADER

The role of the subject leader is to:

- provide a strategic lead and direction for the subject;
- ensure there is suitable coverage of their subject;
- support and offer advice to colleagues on issues related to the subject;
- monitor pupil progress in that subject area;
- provide efficient resource management for the subject.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

The Governing Body's (GB) are responsible for monitoring the way the school curriculum is implemented. This group reviews each subject area according to the school's strategic plan.

The Head teacher is responsible for the day-to-day organisation of the curriculum. The Leaders monitor the weekly lesson plans and delivery of the curriculum, ensuring that all classes teach the full requirements of the National Curriculum, and that all lessons have appropriate learning objectives.

Subject leaders monitor the way their subject is taught and all outcomes throughout the school. They examine long term and medium-term planning and ensure that appropriate teaching strategies are used. Subject leaders also have responsibility for monitoring the way in which resources are stored and managed.