



## Curriculum Statement

At Christ Church CE Primary School we teach The National Curriculum. We endeavour to plan and deliver the curriculum in such a way so that it:

- supports children to be aspirational and provides them with the skills and knowledge that they need to achieve their goals and develop their talents.
- provides children with exciting learning opportunities which allow them to apply their skills, show independence, communicate effectively and become creative problem solvers ready for 'real life'.
- is fully inclusive for all pupils.
- supports the core Christian Values that are at the heart of the Christ Church Family.

## Core Subjects

### **Mathematics**

At Christ Church we have recently embedded 'Big Maths' into Numeracy lessons. This is a strategy that develops mental arithmetic and calculation skills. Children will receive 15 minutes Big Maths, daily before their normal Numeracy lessons begin.

The New National Curriculum objectives will be taught as of September 2014.

Problem Solving is planned for discretely and delivered once a week. In Year 2 and throughout Key Stage 2 setting is used.

## Literacy

In Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Phonics is taught daily (Read Write Inc) and phonics intervention sessions run to accelerate progress. These interventions continue into Key Stage Two if there is still need. Guided Reading is taught via 'Big Read' several times per week in Key Stages One and Two, using *Project X* to support delivery and provide children with extra learning opportunities.

Key Stage 1 pupils also receive a discrete 'Writing' lesson four times per week.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar is taught as 'Big SPAGs' an initiative developed by the school. These skills are then further reinforced during Literacy Lessons.

In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 a thematic approach (Irresistible Learning) is used to deliver Literacy. All writing genres are covered through the theme for the term and by sharing high quality texts and films.

## Computing

Computing has replaced ICT on the National Curriculum. Staff have received initial training and will be developing their skills further throughout the year. Links with the Local Authority will ensure a high level of Computing is delivered to the children. All pupils have access to iPads and laptops.

## Foundation Subjects

We teach the subjects History, Geography, Art and DT using a cross curricular, theme-based approach. Themes such as 'Chocolate' and 'Ice Worlds' include a variety of subjects enabling children's learning to be contextualised. Each theme is usually enriched by an educational visit or a visiting expert. The value of the foundation subjects as an avenue for children to consolidate basic skills learnt in the core subjects is accepted. We are becoming more rigorous in

planning these cross curricular reading, writing and maths opportunities into our foundation subject teaching.

### **Science**

Science is either taught discretely or as part of a theme; whichever fits the content of the curriculum most appropriately. Investigation skills are a key part of the science curriculum and given a high priority in lessons. The science content taught in each year group is shown on the long term plan.

### **Music**

High quality Music delivery for Key Stage 1 and 2 is provided by outside agencies. Years 1 and 2 follow curricula Music that is presented in an exciting and where possible thematic approach. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 participate in the 'Rock It' project that leads to an ensemble examination accredited by the London College of Music.

### **Physical Education**

We provide up to two sessions of PE per week to fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum. Each class is taught games, dance and gymnastics. Key Stage Two children are also taught athletics. Swimming is taught in Years 3,4 and 5. P.E. is taught by a specialised teacher and class teachers. Football Coaching is also provided by an external professional.

### **Religious Education**

RE is taught according to the Walsall Locally Agreed Syllabus. This allows children to learn about the six major world religions through different topics such as special books and places of worship, developing understanding of and respect for local faith communities.

### **Modern Foreign Languages**

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The language taught at Christ Church CE Primary is Spanish. This is taught discretely in Key Stage Two and in Key Stage One informal activities are used to introduce children to the language.

### **Forest School**

All pupils receive specialised 'Forest Schooling' from Nursery to Year 6. This is led by Level 3 Qualified Forest Leaders and supported by Level 2 qualified Forest Leaders.

Some of these leaders also work closely to provide 'Nurture Group'.

### **Curriculum Days**

In order to further support core subjects, half termly 'Curriculum Days' are organised to allow pupils to immerse themselves in a particular subject for a full day. These days always start with a Collective Worship to set the scene and excite the pupils.

### **P.S.H.E.**

Is taught throughout all Key Stages, following a scheme of work. Key objectives are closely linked to Bible stories and addressed via Worship.

### **Philosophy for Children**

Coming in September, 2017: children will be taught Philosophy.

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