

## Values

Our Trust values of Ambition, Bravery and Respect are shared by the whole school community and are regularly referred to during school life. We encourage our pupils to be **AMBITIOUS** as they strive to be the best they can possibly be both academically and personally. We aim for excellence in all aspects of school life, encouraging children to think 'big' and 'aim high', so that they are equipped to embrace the challenges of life.

We aim to instil a sense of **BRAVERY** within our pupils and create an ethos where we are not afraid to make mistakes and that learning from these mistakes makes us more successful. Our pupils are taught to celebrate their individuality and to formulate their own opinions, expressing them maturely.

Our pupils are taught to be **RESPECTFUL** citizens within school and wider communities; showing compassion, understanding and tolerance towards others; regardless of their age, gender, race, religion, ability or background

## Opportunities

Children cannot aspire to things they have never encountered, nor can they make links to new learning in an abstract way. We want our children to lift their eyes from their screens, engage in rich experiences and expand their knowledge of the world around them. We aim to develop fearlessness of what is new or unknown in the local or wider community. We know our pupils will thrive by advancing their knowledge and understanding of the world around them, through a wide range of creative, physical and expressive activities. In nurturing these skills, we broaden their horizons and enrich their future career opportunities.

## Independence

Children will be taught the life skills necessary to work with growing independence and perseverance; to become resourceful problem-solvers and be able to nurture aspirations for the future. We aim to promote our young people's independence and develop a commitment to learning, resilience and self-improvement, both inside and outside of the school environment.

We want our children to be the best they can possibly be and to challenge themselves both as a learner and a valued member of the communities they are a part of. We will provide our children with opportunities to organise themselves, show personal responsibility, initiative, creativity and enterprise. We will give our children opportunities to develop their self-help skills, to self-manage, to problem solve and to engage in activities with increasing independence.

We nurture our children's awareness that actions have consequences, supporting them to make appropriate choices and helping them to develop an understanding that they have ownership of their actions.

## Communication

It is the primary aim of our curriculum, that our children develop the skills necessary to communicate their thoughts, ideas and feelings successfully in a wide range of different forms. Children need to know how to speak and listen with respect in a variety of different situations. We want our children to speak with confidence, articulation and fluency in a range of contexts. We believe that giving our pupils a voice is vital and we therefore work hard to broaden and enrich their vocabulary, encouraging talk in all areas of learning.

Children need to be able to read both fluently and widely in order to access current and future learning, broaden their horizons, develop their imagination and acquire a rich vocabulary through which they can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the world. Being able to write clearly, for different purposes and audiences remains a key skill and our curriculum exploits the opportunity to develop this ability.

## Enquiring Minds

It is essential that we nurture the natural curiosity of all our pupils, enabling them to become independent in thought and action. We will encourage them to imagine, enquire and become increasingly enterprising. We will give pupils opportunities to ask questions, think critically, solve problems and make choices.

We believe that in choosing the right context to engage our children in their learning, we can foster a love of learning. Our curriculum takes into account the distinctive needs of our children, promoting curiosity and interest. Within each topic, we pose investigative questions in order to engage and motivate them as learners.

This enables the children to further develop and deepen their knowledge and understanding. Children are encouraged to drive their own learning forward by questioning, investigating and solving problems.

# Curriculum Drivers