



CURRICULUM POLICY

At Monkfrith Primary School we believe that our curriculum should be broad, balanced and relevant and meet the needs of all children whatever their ability. The taught curriculum is comprised of The National Curriculum and the wider curriculum. We ensure the children have a range of learning experiences that challenge, stimulate and promote thinking and learning. The curriculum meets statutory requirements.

Aims

The aims of the curriculum are to:

- promote high standards in reading, writing and maths;
- allow children to develop a knowledge of themselves in time and space;
- enable children to acquire knowledge and skills in science;
- enable children to be confident and competent in the use of ICT;
- promote spiritual development;
- promote physical and mental development and an awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle;
- enable children to be aware of the importance of and participate in the arts and related cultural themes;
- enable pupils to develop moral sensibility through carefully taught values
- develop the personal and social skills of each child;
- provide equality of access and the opportunity for all pupils to make progress;
- prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experience of adult life.

The curriculum is planned effectively, providing continuity and progression. It promotes an enjoyment of learning and a commitment to learning and achieving. Through the provision of rich and varied activities, we aim to:

- encourage the best possible progress and the highest attainment for all pupils;
- enable pupils to make connections across different areas of learning;
- help pupils to think creatively and solve problems;
- develop pupils' capacity to learn and work independently and collaboratively;
- enable pupils to respond positively to opportunities, challenge and responsibility;
- enable pupils to acquire and develop a broad range of knowledge, skills and understanding.

The Organisation of the Curriculum

- the curriculum is taught through discrete subjects and linked "topic" areas wherever relevant;
- a whole school and key stage map indicates the broad objectives and the links between subjects;
- units of work are planned, usually over half a term's duration. These are called MEDIUM TERM PLANS and contain the detail of the work to be covered with a progression of learning objectives. The plans indicate how the work will be differentiated and what the pupil outcomes will be;
- SHORT TERM PLANNING is carried out in detail for literacy and numeracy using

- an agreed format;
- the children are taught with their year groups with some children being withdrawn for small group support;
- units of work are planned using the framework of the National Curriculum and the Literacy and Numeracy strategies;

Roles and Responsibilities

The Headteacher has the responsibility for the leadership of the curriculum and delegates responsibility to key staff:

- the Deputy headteacher co-ordinates the work of the subject leaders and ensures that the curriculum has progression and appropriate coverage;
- co-ordinators are responsible for coordinating and pulling together the medium term plans and liaising with class teachers over the content and delivery of the units of work. They evaluate and monitor standards in their subject;
- class teachers ensure that the curriculum is taught and that the aims are achieved for their class.
- the Leadership team and Assessment coordinator ensure that the progress of each pupil is tracked and that there is appropriate challenge, support and intervention;
- the Governors monitor the success of the curriculum at committee level and at whole Governing Body meetings through the termly Headteacher's report.

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