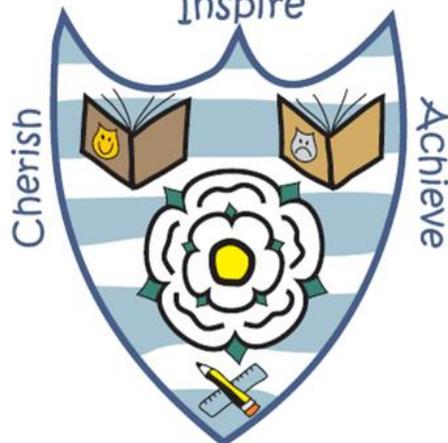


Birkwood Primary

Inspire



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School

CREATIVE CURRICULUM POLICY

UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2019

OUR VISION AND AIMS:

- To **INSPIRE** our children by providing a curriculum that is creative, that responds and enables children to lead their own learning, that equips them with the skills required for the 21st century, for example problem solving, higher order thinking skills, team work and cooperation.
- To **CHERISH** our children by trying to look after and respect each other at all times. We aim to provide a caring environment, where all children are inspired and empowered to achieve their true potential as unique and valued individuals.
- We aim for our children to **ACHIEVE** the best they can, by challenging and supporting them. The progress in all key stages will reflect the commitment of our teaching and support staff, who work hard to achieve high standards in behaviour and achievement in all areas of the curriculum.

Intent

We believe that our children are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum which is inspiring, engaging and which provides a range of learning opportunities that help to develop children's life- long love of learning as well as developing their life skills. Our intent is to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at our school and of society which prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

The creative curriculum we provide gives children a sense of purpose and develops an understanding of the world around them including local, national and global issues. By combining engaging, practical and personalised topics into the learning environment, children have access to contexts, which enable independent learning and promote the development of life skills and disciplinary and substantive knowledge.

Implementation

Our Creative Curriculum has been organised through a "topic based" approach which incorporates the key skills set out in the National Curriculum. Our approach enables teachers to plan learning experiences around topics which raise attainment in literacy, numeracy, science, technology and the arts. It allows all learners to engage and contribute positively to the classroom, the school and the community.

Links are made with all subjects, however the following subjects are taught as dedicated, discrete sessions:

- Maths – Focus
- RE – Barnsley Local Agreed Syllabus
- MFL- French
- Science – Switched on Science
- Computing – Purple Mash

Through **Open Futures**, which is a skills and enquiry based curriculum, we aim to better equip our children to ask questions, discuss options and make decisions.

Birkwood Primary School believe that children need a context in which to see the value of skills and to practise and develop them. Open Futures makes sense of skills by providing a context and a framework.

There are 5 strands to the project: Askit, Growit, Cookit and Filmit– **Please See Open Futures Policy for more details**

Long Term Plans: These take the form of a Topic Overview, this provides an overview of what will be taught and when.

Medium Term Plans: These take the form of Curriculum Maps which are broken down into year groups and give an overview of what will be taught in each subject area.

Short term Plans: These take the form of weekly lesson plans. National Curriculum objectives are incorporated into planning.

