



MFL CURRICULUM AIMS

By the time children leave St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, they will be:

Successful Learners

Through the enjoyment of learning, develop enquiring minds in order to process information, reason, question and evaluate, enabling all children to achieve the best they can now and in the future.

Confident Individuals

Become increasingly independent, are able to take the initiative and organise themselves, showing a willingness to try new things and making the most of opportunities.

Responsible Citizens

Are enterprising, well prepared for life and able to work co-operatively in a diverse, multi-faith/ cultural society.

They take account of and respect the needs of present and future generations in the choices they make and know that they can change things for the better.

To achieve this the school helps pupils: -

- Attain a high standard of achievement, satisfaction and enjoyment in all areas of the curriculum.
- Grow in self-confidence, have a sense of personal worth and be able to adapt to the changing world in which they live.
- Mix with their peers and adults, to communicate feelings and share experiences, building a better understanding and mutual respect for each other.
- Apply themselves to tasks individually and as contributing members of a team.
- Develop a set of moral values, understand the world in which they live and respect the views of others, tolerating different opinions and beliefs whether racial, religious or political.
- Develop lively, enquiring minds with the ability to communicate their findings.
- Be aware of and take an interest in the beauty and wonder of the world around them and recognise the need for conservation.

Our aim is that all pupils have access to a broad, balanced, engaging and enjoyable curriculum. Teachers set high expectations for every pupil, whatever their prior attainment. Assessment is used to set targets which are deliberately ambitious; but which enable pupils to experience success as learners. Potential areas of difficulty are identified and these areas are addressed at the outset through intervention, differentiated resources and targeted teaching to remove barriers to pupil achievement. This results in our Curriculum being accessible to all.

At St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, we offer a curriculum which is broad and balanced, engages and inspires children, yet builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills of all: regardless of their starting points, as they progress through each Key Stage. The curriculum incorporates the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and other experiences and opportunities which best meet the learning and developmental needs of the pupils in our school. It ensures that academic success, creativity and problem solving, respect, responsibility and resilience, as well as physical development, well-being and mental health are key elements that support the development of the whole child and promote a positive attitude to learning. The curriculum celebrates diversity and utilises the skills and knowledge of the whole school and wider community while supporting the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The aim of our curriculum is for pupils to have the requisite skills to be successful, independent and motivated lifelong learners in readiness for their next stage of education. To best meet the needs of all of our pupils, a knowledge-rich yet skills based curriculum is delivered.

Across the EYFS the curriculum is delivered through broad topic work and also through the interests of the children and current themes. In Nursery, planning in the moment can also have an impact on learning and the environment. Staff support children in their choices and provide them with a rich and well-resourced environment. Children across the Foundation Stage are encouraged to become independent learners. Staff challenge children through questioning, specific tasks and independent learning. In Nursery, we build on the foundations to give our children the skills they need when transitioning into Reception. In our Reception class, activities are planned with a variety of adult directed, adult support and independent work. We tailor our curriculum to meet the needs of our children. Where children are ready for a more formal approach, staff will plan for this through directed teaching. Those who still need a play based approach will be supported by all staff through scaffolding and modelling.

If needed, pupils may still work on the Early Learning Goals of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum as they enter Year 1. However, the Year 1 National Curriculum is taught from the outset. Throughout this period and beyond, all children are developing their phonic knowledge using SoundsWrite phonics programme.

The RE curriculum is provided as part of each child's entitlement to a broad and balanced education contributing to their spiritual, moral and cultural development.

RE within our curriculum promotes:

- religious literacy
- the chance to think and ask questions
- the development of empathy skills
- a broader understanding of different values
- an awareness of diversity through looking at major religions and beliefs in the UK and beyond

The curriculum is delivered through discretely taught subjects, where possible, the subjects may overlap. The more able are challenged further in their learning and children who find aspects of their learning more difficult are appropriately supported so that they too are enabled to experience success. National requirements and school requirements are mapped out as a whole school and then individual year groups plan the curriculum for their pupils accordingly.

At St. Mary's, we have a highly effective, carefully planned and tightly structured program for phonic teaching. This enables our children to learn phonic knowledge and skills with the expectation that they will become fluent readers, having secured word building and recognition skills. Our children are also taught high frequency words that do not conform to regular phonic patterns.

Reading is a vital life skill that will support children's learning across the whole curriculum. We strive to ensure that our children are taught to read with fluency, accuracy and understanding through a variety of high quality English lessons

and learning opportunities across all subject areas. We want children at ST. Mary's to become enthusiastic, independent and reflective readers.

Mathematics curriculum is delivered using a range of resources which are developed around the CPA approach (concrete, pictorial and abstract). In all year groups there are small group interventions to support pupils in gaining the key skills to become successful readers, writers and mathematicians.

Specialist teachers and instructors support some music, physical education and the teaching of MFL. All subject leaders are given training and opportunity to develop their subject knowledge, skills and understanding to ensure curriculum development provides progression and sequencing of concepts across the school. This also enables them to provide high quality support to colleagues to improve pupil outcomes. Enrichment events, whole school activities and opportunities within and outside school all enrich and develop the children's learning.

Our aim is that all pupils have access to a broad, balanced, engaging and enjoyable curriculum. Teachers set high expectations for every pupil, whatever their prior attainment. Children are encouraged to apply skills learned, particularly in English and Mathematics, across the curriculum. Assessment is used to set targets which are deliberately ambitious; but which enable pupils to experience success as learners. Potential areas of difficulty are identified and these areas are addressed at the outset through intervention, differentiated resources and targeted teaching to remove barriers to pupil achievement. This results in our curriculum being accessible to all. Provision for the Most Able pupils is a mixture of depth and mastery with opportunities for independent working and reflection. Where appropriate, children working within the greater depth area of the curriculum are provided with an individual activity or challenge which reflects a greater depth of understanding and higher level of attainment.

After school clubs and events extend these opportunities further. Additional whole school programmes and approaches support quality teaching and learning and the school is well resourced in terms of learning materials, books and technology.

The outdoor environment and the local community are considered an opportunity for active learning for all our pupils. The school grounds have been developed so they can enrich different curriculum areas, particularly science.

Pupils have opportunities to share their learning with each other, their parents, carers and other learners through school-based and external exhibitions, performances, competitions and events involving other schools. Developing their independence and motivation as learners and their sense of responsibility as future citizens is at the heart of all our teaching and learning.

Children are expected to know, apply and understand the skills outlined in the National Curriculum by the end of Key Stage 2. They are introduced to French through story-telling, songs and after-school clubs in KS1. Languages are only statutory at KS2. The focus of modern languages is on communication through speaking and listening, reading and an ability to write at varying length, applying taught grammar rules. Consequently, the key skills have been broken down into LKS2 and UKS2. The context of how the skills are taught will change, but children will be able to revisit and develop their understanding and retention of the expected skills across KS2.

MFL - End of Year Expectations - Year 3 and 4

Speaking & Listening	Children in Year 3 and 4 will be expected to listen and respond to simple rhymes, stories and songs, recognising key words and sounds. They will be expected to take part in simple exchanges using key vocabulary. They should be able to understand everyday classroom language and praise words. Children should be able to memorise a short spoken text and identify the main points of a text. Pronunciation should be generally accurate.
Reading	Children in Year 3 and 4 will be expected to develop their understanding of short texts, recognising a growing range of vocabulary. They should be able to read aloud some of these words. If they come across an unfamiliar word, they are expected to develop their ability by beginning to use a bilingual dictionary to look up new words.
Writing	AT LKS2, children will be expected to write two or three simple sentences based on the topics they have been taught, using word banks and displays in class to help. They should be able to begin to memorise some familiar words and begin to apply some knowledge of grammar.

MFL - End of Year Expectations - Year 5/6

Speaking & Listening	In UKS2, children will be expected to listen to and tell simple stories, applying their knowledge of vocabulary and grammar. They should be able to take part in conversations, asking and responding to questions, speaking in sentences. They could create short presentations about topics taught, again using the key vocabulary. They should be able to identify the main points of a text and generate associated questions. They should also be able to make themselves understood in conversations, using accurate pronunciation and intonation.
Reading	Children will be expected to read a wider range of texts, recognising and understanding familiar vocabulary and phrases. They should be able to explain what the text is about and broaden their vocabulary, developing their understanding of new words, by using a bilingual dictionary. They should be able to identify and use basic grammatical rules which have been taught.
Writing	By the end of UKS2, children should be able to produce short pieces of writing, using simple sentences, applying memorised phrases and using these to create new sentences. Ideas should be expressed clearly, showing an understanding of basic grammatical rules for the language in his/her written work. Children should be able to describe people, places and things.

