



Churchfields
The Village School

Atworth ∞ Monkton Farleigh

CURRICULUM STATEMENT

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At Churchfields we are committed to presenting the majority of the National Curriculum through themed units of work supported by the International Primary Curriculum (IPC). The thematic units of learning are all child-friendly, modern-day topics appealing to all ages of primary children; themes include 'Time Detectives', 'Airports', 'I'm Alive', 'Inventions and Machines' and 'The Bold and the Brave'. The themes enable young children to remain

motivated through the learning of Geography, History, Design and Technology, Music, Art and Society. It also learners to make purposeful links and connections throughout their learning and to see how their subject learning is related to the world they live in. Within each theme, there are ideas for: collaborative learning, active learning, learning outside the classroom, role play, as well as the children learning from each other. It is a comprehensive curriculum with a clear process of learning and with specific learning goals for every subject, for personal learning and for international mindedness.

English skills are taught daily as a discrete subject and applied in a variety of contexts throughout the curriculum. Children are taught skills related to their needs and are given opportunities to reinforce, develop and use these skills in writing, spelling, grammar and handwriting. There is also an emphasis on reading and developing a love of books.

Mathematics is taught each day as a discrete subject and applied in a variety of contexts throughout the curriculum. Mathematical thinking is developed through problem solving and an investigative approach. Children are taught skills related to their needs and are given the opportunity to reinforce, develop and use these skills. The children also work towards achieving mastery across the different mathematical areas.

Science skills are taught through themed blocks of work. We encourage an enquiring mind and provide opportunities for investigating, experimenting, observing and researching topics.

Computing (ICT) is an integral part of the curriculum. There are interactive whiteboards in each classroom and both sites have a bank of laptops, iPads and Kindles to use in the classrooms to support aspects of all curriculum areas. Coding is delivered using an online resource, it provides a comprehensive scheme of learning, ensuring consistent and progressive acquisition of the appropriate skills and knowledge of computer programming. Coding invites pupil interactivity by allowing children to create exciting apps which can be published and shared, practise debugging and improve the apps they have made, as outlined in the National Curriculum. Our computing curriculum covers skills that the children will need for life, making them computer savvy for the 21st Century.

French skills are taught weekly to KS2. This gives them the opportunity to study French culture and develop language learning skills through songs, games, conversation and written work.

Physical Education and sport are taught throughout the school. We offer a full range of activities comprising gymnastics, games, athletics, dance and swimming. Our school takes part in a range of tournament and coaching activities run by local P.E coaches throughout the year. P.E is also taught by an outside provider on a weekly basis.

Forest School sessions are taught at both sites. We have developed the school grounds in order to provide high quality Forest School activities that teach the children about caring for, managing and understanding the environment. Forest School supports and enhances the Statutory Curriculum and has a strong emphasis on raising children's self-esteem, independence and confidence.

Religious Education follows the scheme supported by the Diocese of Salisbury, Discovery Re and Understanding Christianity. Our Ethos is ***Proud, happy learners at the heart of our community***. At Churchfields we strive to nurture every child's gift. We provide firm foundations for our children to become confident, independent learners. Churchfields provides the highest standard of education within a safe and caring environment underpinned by the Christian values of friendship, honesty and mutual respect.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) and **Citizenship** provide the children with opportunities to become more knowledgeable in this area of the curriculum as part of growing into well balanced individuals. **PSHE** and our church values form part of daily school life, for example, what makes a good friend, how to deal with difficult situations and being a good citizen.

Our curriculum fosters children's development of skills such as independence, collaborative working, critical thinking and knowledge and makes all learning exciting, active and meaningful for all children. The curriculum supports our children to achieve the school values: Compassion, Friendship, Hope, Justice and Forgiveness; enabling the children in becoming resourceful, resilient and reflective learners.

NB: This policy was updated May 2019, but will be re-visited once the School has updated their Visions, Aims and Values in 2020.

