

Curriculum Intent

At St. Paul and St. Timothy's Catholic Infant School, we offer our children a rich curriculum, which has developed over time. This encompasses the EYFS and National curricula as laid down by the government and the 'Come and See' RE programme developed by the Archdiocese.

However, this is only part of what we provide for the children. It is a knowledge-based curriculum which builds from Reception to Year 2. A key aspect of this knowledge base is the development of language.

We want to inspire a thirst for knowledge in our children and give them the skills to 'find out' for themselves. By teaching our children what is specified in our curriculum and developing enquiry, research and application skills, we are giving them the tools to follow their interests in the future. We want our children to be happy, confident, self-aware, sociable and articulate. We provide many opportunities to develop these attributes throughout the time the children are with us. Every child has their own unique personality and we want to nurture this. We want each child to develop an understanding of their own needs and those of others. We want them to appreciate the people and the world around them. To recognise that we may have different thoughts and views to other people. We will teach them how to express their views respectfully through our Philosophy for Children sessions.

We are keen to develop the following values in our children: tolerance, forgiveness, respect, a sense of justice (fair play), and democracy. By teaching these values explicitly and through our wider curriculum we hope to nurture children who will grow into kind, understanding and respectful adults who can take their place in society with confidence and a moral compass which will guide the decisions they make throughout their lives.

We firmly believe that children need to be happy and feel valued in order to learn effectively. Children's personal, social and emotional development is key to their mental health and general well-being. This plays a crucial role in every year group across the school.

We believe it is our job to unlock the potential in every child. By offering a broad and balanced curriculum we can give our children a wide variety of experiences that may be the beginning of a lifelong passion or the spark of interest which leads to their future careers.

We are delighted to be able to offer the children a wide variety of enhancements to the curriculum and cultural experiences. We take all children in Year 2 swimming. We believe that swimming is an important life skill and want all children to feel confident in the water before they leave us to join Key Stage 2. Every child in Year 2 also benefits from weekly recorder lessons during the spring and summer terms. Years 1 and 2 enjoy Spanish lessons once a week as we believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn another language.

The curriculum is enhanced with trips out, such as trips to local churches, the village cenotaph, Croxteth Park, local shops, Knowsley Safari Park, and Haigh Hall.

We also invite many visitors to the school e.g. theatre groups, farms, authors, poets, artists, chefs, cultural groups, police, charities, sports personalities etc.

We offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities such as multiskills, football, gymnastics, art, science, animation, performing arts, Spanish, choir, cookery, and judo.

Children have the opportunity to represent the school in a range of inter-school competitions and events e.g. choir and dance festivals, gymnastics, football and mat ball competitions, swimming galas, school council conferences, enterprise competitions, and awards ceremonies.

The children have the opportunity to participate in assemblies, plays, performances and celebrations. We believe this develops confidence and enhances performance and public speaking skills. They are given the opportunity to take on responsibilities throughout their time in school e.g. School Council, Eco Council, Numeracy Ninjas, Enterprise Team, Mrs Starkey's Monitors etc.

We are proud to raise money for a number of local, national and international charities each year. Local charities: Zoe's Place, KIND, Nugent Care

National charities: NSPCC, MacMillan, British Legion Poppy Appeal, Marie Curie

International Charities: CAFOD, Sight Box, Sr. Margaret

I hope this gives a flavour of what we offer our children and the opportunities it creates to develop their lifelong love of learning, spiritual and emotional wellbeing, and understanding of how to live a healthy, active and fulfilled life.

Please contact the school directly if you have any questions regarding the curriculum we teach.