Our Curriculum

We offer a curriculum which is broad and balanced and which builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills of all children, whatever their starting points. The curriculum incorporates the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum 2014 and other experiences and opportunities which best meet the learning and developmental needs of the pupils in our school. It is delivered using an integrated topic approach, based around our 'book led curriculum'.

Enrichment

The school curriculum at St Catherine's incorporates our Heartsmart PHSE scheme with a keen focus on well-being. Specialist teachers and instructors support music, Spanish and physical education. Theme weeks, whole school activities and opportunities within and outside of the school day, all enrich and develop the children's learning. After school clubs and events extend these opportunities further. The children enjoy a wide range of educational visits and two residential visits, while at our school.

English

Our reading and writing curriculum is based around high quality texts. Each sequence of learning builds on the children's prior knowledge and their next steps. Vocabulary is a key driver of our curriculum. The rich and varied texts we use not only develop knowledge and understanding of the world, but also improve vocabulary.

Curriculum

At St Catherine's we believe that extending the children's knowledge of the world is critical - it is a key driver of our curriculum planning. This will support them as readers, in life, and will create greater aspirations, as they learn about the world around them. It is important that the curriculum considers the development of the whole child and it does not only concentrate on academic success.

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Humanities and Computing

The Geography curriculum at St. Catherine's is designed to provide a broad and balanced education of the world that will give them the skills, knowledge and understanding to prepare them for their future lives. At St. Catherine's we believe that extending the children's knowledge of the world is critical. This will support them as readers, in life, and will create greater aspirations, as they learn about the world around them. Central to the Geography curriculum is the understanding that geography plays a crucial role in understanding our world.

At St Catherine's C of E Primary School, we believe that high-quality history lessons inspire children to want to know more about the past and to think and act as historians. By linking learning to a range of concepts, children have opportunities to investigate and interpret the past, understand chronology, build an overview of Britain's past as well as that of the wider world, and to be able to communicate historically.

We encourage our learners to be digitally literate and to ensure they have the best possible chance of thriving in our ever changing technologically dependent world. Our diverse computing curriculum aims to equip children with the necessary skills to contribute to a rapidly changing world where technology is an ever more pertinent aspect of our everyday lives.

Mathematics

As a school we follow the White Rose Maths scheme because we see mathematics as a key life skill and aim to create confident, inquisitive mathematicians; who love the subject.
Our school mission is that no pupil should be left behind. By making high expectations clear and emphasising the value of mathematics education, our children are encouraged to build confidence and resilience.

Science

At St Catherine's C of E Primary School, we believe that high-quality Science lessons, delivered in sequences, ensure a secure understanding of each block of knowledge, allowing pupils' to learn and keep progressing. Science is made accessible to all pupils through a focus on investigative work, with practical elements planned in each lesson to help make ideas and learning concrete, but also to inspire and engage learners; growing a curiosity about the world that will last beyond their primary education.

"We learn together, using our heads and hearts."

Religious Education

At St. Catherine's, our Religious Education curriculum aims to provide children with the knowledge and understanding of Christianity and the other major world religions and worldviews. Children have the chance to explore their own religious, spiritual and philosophical ways of living, believing and thinking. Our RE curriculum aims to develop children religious literacy skills, so they can hold balanced and well-informed conversations about religion and belief.

Arts and Spanish

Our art education aims to contribute to essential aspects of children's personal development such as creativity, independence, judgment and self-reflection.

The interrelated dimensions of music weave throughout the different units to encourage the development of musical skills as the learning progresses through listening and appraising, differing musical activities (including creating and exploring) and performing.

We believe that a high-quality Spanish language education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing.