



Curriculum Policy

The Curriculum aims:

To inspire in all pupils a love of learning and the desire to continue to learn.

To equip all pupils with the tools and self-confidence necessary to constructively influence their own lives.

To ensure that all pupils have an equal opportunity to take part in the life and work of the school.

To be a place every child remembers with affection.

As a school we work from some core principles of teaching and learning

- We place a high value on creativity in all aspects of school life and work
- We strive to make learning vivid and real
- We see questions as central to learning
- We work to ensure all learners succeed and that every child is confident, happy and secure
- We aim high and value excellence
- We take every opportunity to recognise and celebrate success
- Everyone at this school works hard and enjoys themselves!
- Special events and traditions play an important role in school life
- We have at our core a commitment to equality of opportunity

Through our curriculum and other activities we aim to reinforce the British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Equal opportunities

Our school is committed to valuing all members of the school community and strives to ensure that the opportunities to succeed are equal for all.

As a primary school, we believe we have a key role in society in combating discrimination and promoting fairness, justice and equality through our teaching and in the role models we offer.

The National Curriculum

The National Curriculum sets out what children should be taught and what they should be able to do at each stage of their education. English and maths form the core of our work and the majority of basic skills are taught as discrete units.

However, we are committed to a topic based approach to learning, making cross-curricular links, for example between history, geography, art and English and working around a broad theme where possible. This is because we have a strong commitment to creativity, and aim to make the children's learning vivid, real and exciting. We also aim to provide challenges that encourage their development in all areas.

Use of IT across the Curriculum

We have laptops available between pairs of classes and Ipads which helps us to ensure that our children acquire confidence and skills in IT. As the laptops and Ipads are portable, they can be used across the curriculum and throughout the day.

Religious Education forms part of the curriculum and we follow Barnet's agreed syllabus. Our aim is that all pupils understand the nature of religion and acquire an understanding

of the beliefs, practices and strengths of all faiths, particularly those represented in our school. Parents may, if they wish, arrange with the Headteacher to withdraw their child from all or part of our religious education and collective worship.

At Coppetts Wood teachers adopt a range of teaching styles and strategies, dependent on the activity / lesson intentions. Each week there are opportunities for children to work individually, as one of a pair, as part of a mixed ability group, an ability group and as a member of the whole class.

Enrichment and Themed Events

We regularly plan themed events where classes come off timetable and focus either for a day/two days or even a week. Examples of this include: Arts themed days, Sports Week, Anti-bullying Week, E-Safety Week, etc. These can be class based events or whole school events.

Special Events

We actively encourage teachers to plan trips to bring class work to life. Examples of places we visit are: the British Museum, National Portrait Gallery, The Arts Depot Theatre. We travel by public transport - taking advantage of the Mayor of London's free travel for schools, or occasionally by coach. Teachers are expected to do a pre-visit risk assessment of both the journey and the museum.

Extended Services

Our children have access to breakfast club on site from 8am . We also sign post to the Children's Centre for our after school club till 6pm. The school also provides a range of after school clubs run by school staff.

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