

ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

CURRICULUM INTENT

At Abbots Farm Infant School we aim to equip our children with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life through a broad and balanced curriculum. We provide a supportive yet challenging environment that nurtures the whole child. We expose our children to the curriculum through talk for learning, continuous provision, outdoor learning and give them opportunities to revisit and build on a wide range of skills in order for them to become confident, independent learners. This allows them to apply what they know to new situations and contexts and helps them to prepare for their next stage in life.

KEY SKILLS

ENGLISH

To deliver an engaging English curriculum which equips our children with the skills they need to become effective communicators, enabling them to access the wider curriculum.

Throughout the school, we aim to promote a culture which values language in all its forms and promotes enjoyment.

We do this by:

- Teaching systematic, synthetic phonics (Letters and sounds).
- Talk for Learning.
- Writing for different purposes.
- Explicit teaching of handwriting and spelling, punctuation, grammar and vocabulary.
- Reading for purpose and pleasure.

MATHS

To deliver an engaging Mathematics curriculum which ensures our children become fluent in the fundamentals of maths, know and can confidently apply key skills and reason mathematically.

We provide opportunities for our children to develop these skills through:

- Daily mental maths
- Discrete teaching of new concepts.
- Allowing our children to learn and apply different methods of solving problems.
- Application of skills and concepts independently.
- Reasoning
- Developing and promoting a love of maths through exploration in continuous provision and embedding skills across the curriculum.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND VALUES

PERSONAL SKILLS

Leadership	Independence
Resilience	Commitment
Self-reliance	Team work
Learning style	Perseverance

SCHOOL VALUES

- Be an excellent communicator
- Have high aspirations
- Be respectful
- Be self-confident
- Be responsible

BRITISH VALUES

Democracy	Mutual respect
Individual liberty	Rule of Law
Pride	And tolerance
	Inclusiveness

CREATIVITY

ART & DESIGN

We want our children to develop and express their creativity confidently through the use of colour and different artistic mediums.

Our children will develop their artistic skills in drawing, painting, printing, modelling, designing, 3D techniques, digital art and an appreciation of a range of artists.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

We want our children to develop and use of a broad range of skills to design and make products using a 'Teach and Tinker' approach.

Our children will explore different structures and mechanisms, develop their understanding of food and nutrition and shape and join a range of textiles.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

We want our children to develop an appreciation of music, dance and drama as essential elements of cultural capital.

Our children are encouraged to express themselves through the arts, dance & drama. This includes expressing their own opinions and preferences of different artistic styles.

PE

Our PE curriculum promotes excellence through honesty, teamwork, respect, self-belief and determination.

Our children will develop healthy habits and be able to make active lifestyle choices through a variety of PE and Sport opportunities.

HISTORY AND HERITAGE

HISTORY

Our history curriculum focuses on famous people and important historical events.

We aim to provide our children with the knowledge, skills and understanding to appreciate changes over time and how these have impacted on their lives and lives of people they know.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

We feel that it is important that our children understand and value their own identity and heritage whilst developing an understanding and being respectful and inquisitive of others identity and heritage.

This includes their cultural roots, as citizens of Warwickshire, the UK and as members of a global society.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

GEOGRAPHY

Our Geography curriculum engages children in the study of their immediate environment, the local area & the wider world.

Our children will learn about oceans, continents, major countries & cities, and to make comparisons. They will learn about human and physical features in different environments and how we can contribute to sustaining the world.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

It is equally important that our children have an age-appropriate understanding of British and World News.

Current affairs include matters that are relevant to our children, their families and our school community, whilst linking to events in the wider world.

DISCOVERY

SCIENCE

Developing scientific knowledge and key skills including conceptual understanding, and a curiosity about the world through investigation, experimentation, exploration and discovery.

We provide our children with the opportunities for practical investigation and the development and application of key scientific skills from year to year.

TECHNOLOGY/ COMPUTING

Understanding and applying the key skills of computing.

Our children will develop skills enabling them to embrace a digital world. These include the knowledge and abilities to communicate in a variety of ways, solve problems logically and create and correct algorithms, using a wide range of digital technology, whilst knowing how to keep themselves safe online.