



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL
"Realising the potential of every child within a caring, Christian community"

Curriculum Intent Statement

Our intent is to deliver a curriculum that ensures pupils have the requisite skills to be successful, independent, motivated and inquisitive learners, enabling them to achieve their full potential within a caring Christian community.

Basic Principles

- Learning is a change to long-term memory.
- Our aims are to ensure that our children experience a wide breadth of study and have, by the end of Key Stage 2, long-term memory of an ambitious body of procedural and semantic knowledge.

At St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Junior School we are proud to offer a curriculum which is broad and balanced and which builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills of all pupils, whatever their starting point, as they progress through Key Stage 2. The curriculum incorporates and goes beyond the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum 2014 in addition to other experiences and opportunities which best meet the learning and developmental needs of our pupils. We feel it is important that the curriculum experience considers the development of the whole child and does not solely concentrate on academic success. We aim that every pupil will enter secondary school with high expectations for their own futures as confirmed lifelong learners, having enjoyed their experiences at this school, grown in confidence and creativity, and being ready and able to make a positive contribution to their community.

Through targeted support and challenge we aim for all pupils to enjoy their education and make good progress in all areas of learning. We teach a curriculum that provides pupils with opportunities to explore and develop their own values and beliefs, heightening: spiritual awareness; high standards of personal behaviour; positive caring attitudes; understanding of their social and cultural traditions and appreciation of the diversity and richness of other cultures.

Our curriculum develops and nurtures a growth mindset to support pupils to be able to deal with disappointment and understand that making and learning from mistakes is a positive and valid part of the learning process. Equally, we strive to be a community that acts as a centre of reconciliation; starting each day and each session with a fresh start with each pupil.

We do all this by embedding our core Christian Values throughout all aspects of school life.

- **Respect** "Be eager to show respect to one another" (Romans 12 v.10)
- **Responsibility** "For we each have our load to carry" (Galatians 5 v.5)
- **Honesty** Jesus speaking to the tax collectors (Luke 3v.12-13)
- **Trustworthiness** The parable of the gold coins (Luke 19 v.11-27)
- **Fairness** Jesus over turns the tables in the temple (Matthew 20 v.12-13)
- **Caring** "I was hungry...I was thirsty...I was sick..." (Matthew 25 v.35)
- **Forgiveness** "...as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Matthew 6 v.12)

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