

Birchfield Curriculum

2015 - 2016



At Birchfield we have fully embraced the 2014 curriculum and have drawn up our own integrated layered expectations across all subjects, to ensure that our children encounter a rich and challenging learning experience. We have produced a rigorous tracking and monitoring system to ensure that children are making progress across all area. This works alongside our data management system allowing data to be easily recorded and tracked.

Our curriculum meets not only the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum, but also includes elements of our local school curriculum, in order to meet the specific needs of our pupils. Some of these aspects include: local history studies, e-safety skills and developing independent learning skills. We also believe in promoting the values of Britain and the multicultural and inclusive society in which we live. We celebrate our rich heritage through our choice of authors and history studies, we learn about the physical characteristics of our country through our geography and we learn what it is to be a productive and un-prejudiced member of our society through our PSHE.

We believe in giving children opportunities to enhance their curriculum through visits and visitors as well as offering child selected enrichment opportunities on a Friday afternoon in Key Stage 2 (which have included: textiles, sign language, healthy cooking, guitar, martial arts, yoga, construction and many more).

At Birchfield we believe in fitting our curriculum to the children we teach. We value the breadth, flexibility and creativity of the curriculum that we provide, which sets out to promote the interest and engagement of both pupils and teachers. We have a Creative Curriculum, which means that we link learning and skills from across all the subject areas into exciting topics which really engage children. Using this approach we are able to make learning relevant, interesting and fun. Whole school focus days and trips enhance the children's experiences. Recent examples include: Jungles and Tribes, Epic Explorers, Into the Danger Zone (Natural Disasters), Dungeons and Dragons and Roman Britain.

The Birchfield curriculum is flexible and is open to change as new documentation or advice becomes available, or as we decide that an element is no longer fit for purpose. This is important for it to remain fresh, relevant and licit.

Our aim is that all children leave Birchfield as competent, confident readers, writers, and mathematicians with the skills they need to be successful, lifelong learners and positive members of society.