



## CURRICULUM INTENT

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At Bishops Itchington Primary School, we recognise that we need to provide our children with broad, engaging and memorable experiences through a rich curriculum that maximises cultural capital; this will equip them for their future progression and life choices. We will help our pupils to develop individually by exploring their curiosity and giving opportunities to develop and express their own opinions through discussion, collaboration and respecting diversity and difference. We will help children to develop pride in themselves through their work and the way they behave. Teaching will link to previous learning and be progressive: building on skills and linking knowledge. Every child is recognised as a unique individual and their strengths will be admired and encouraged; especially those with special educational needs and those who are disadvantaged.

Our teachers and support staff are well-supported and go 'the extra mile' to ensure the school provides the best it can for its pupils. Our teachers are trained in teaching the curriculum and are encouraged to progress into leadership roles, where opportunities allow. The school is supported by the Stowe Valley Multi-Academy Trust; this membership has proved wholly beneficial to our school community because it provides specialist advice, guidance and sharing of skills and knowledge to support our management team and our teachers. We utilise some excellent teaching resources such as Jigsaw for PSHE, White Rose for Maths, and Purple Mash for Computing.

Our school sees itself as a community that promotes a healthy lifestyle for all. We look after the wellbeing of our pupils to ensure they are physically, mentally and emotionally cared for. In the fullness of time, we strive to empower our pupils to take care of themselves by giving them the skills and knowledge to move onto the bigger challenges. We will encourage our children to become valuable members of society by helping them experience the value of their local community and helping them to participate in charitable and caring projects.

We provide enrichment for our pupils throughout our school day. We have clubs that meet at lunchtimes: Running Club, Colouring Club, Games Club, Eco-Club. After

school we have Football Club, Netball Club and Taekwondo. We strive to provide opportunities for our children to go on trips and visits to enrich their first-hand experiences. We have a Forest School that is greatly enjoyed where the children use natural resources make creations linked to their topics.

Trips are carefully chosen to link topics to learning and always enjoyed by our children. Theatre visits include The Black Country Museum, Holdenby House, Space Centre, St. John's Museum, Roman Forts, Shakespeare, and more. Through our music curriculum, we have drumming lessons, choir performances and events at the church, within school, and Young Voices.

We also encourage visitors to come into our school: Guide Dogs for the Blind, our vicar who plays the guitar and sings with the children; theatre production; The RSC; NSPCC: we like visitors coming to our school.

At Christmas, we have a nativity play performed by Infant Classes. And, in the summer, Key Stage 2 perform their annual play. Senior residents from the village and grandparents are invited to join us for school dinners and then to watch the performances. Tea and coffee are served by the children to our guests and it is always well attended.

We provide good wrap-around care for pupils through our club called 'Buddies'. This club ensures that our families and their children are provided with wrap-around care from 7.30am until 5.30pm every weekday. Not only is this a support to our families, it also provides fantastic activities for our children: computers, colouring, cooking, dressing up, puzzles, Lego, and more. Currently as many as 25 children attend in one session.

Our homework policy was written in collaboration with a parent forum and teachers to ensure that it is fit for purpose and workable and supported by our busy families. Homework is also supported at Buddies.

We are a welcoming and nurturing school and play an important role in our local community.