



CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION

At Bishops Itchington Primary School, we enthusiastically promote oracy, maths and reading to ensure our children have basic skills. Our children learn from a broad and balanced curriculum including sciences and the arts through interesting topics and links to real life. Our subjects all deliver The National Curriculum.

Across all subjects, we teach progressive skills and knowledge to ensure our children's education journey is smooth and builds on previous learning.

We incorporate visitors into school day to spark interest and link to future hobbies and jobs, for example, European Space Agency, Guide Dogs, Physiotherapy, Jaguar Land Rover, Severn Trent.

Our school values drive the ethos of our school: Responsibility, Integrity, Sustainability and Empathy.

Our children develop pride in themselves through their work and the way they conduct themselves. We instil teach responsibility and the importance of democracy and independence: our Wellbeing Ambassadors are trained to support their peers; Community Councillors are democratically elected; Year 6 Buddies provide guidance to our Reception children; Year 6 participate in an annual school election where every child votes for their preferred party's manifesto; and more.

Each individual is valued for their unique strengths and are admired and encouraged; especially those with special educational needs, those who are disadvantaged and those who have had a difficult start to their young lives. We identify children who we consider to be vulnerable early on and provide additional enrichment opportunities so they can meet their potential. For example, free music tuition where flare or special interest has been sparked, art and sports opportunities.

Our teachers and support staff are well-trained 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 who provide specialist advice, guidance and sharing of skills and knowledge to support our management team and our teachers.

Our school sees itself as a community that promotes a healthy and safe lifestyle for all. We look after the wellbeing of our children to ensure they are physically, mentally and emotionally cared for. This is delivered through Jigsaw PSHE Scheme, Protective Behaviours, Pantasaurus, Internet Safety, visits by the police, Confidence Group, My Happy Mind scheme, Nurture Group. 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 encourage our children to become valuable members of society by helping them to participate in charitable and caring projects in the community.

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 and Choir. After school we have Football Club, Netball, Multi-sports, Basketball, Street Dance and Band. 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. We have a newly installed eco-running track on our school grounds and children use this daily to keep fit and healthy running the daily mile.

Trips are carefully chosen to link topics to learning and always enjoyed by our children. Visits include The Black Country Museum, Holdenby House, Space Centre, St. John's Museum, Roman Forts, Shakespeare, All Things Wild, Gaydon Transport Museum, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Stratford Mad Museum and more.

All children celebrate the arts in performance style through the year: Christmas nativity, Easter and Summer productions.

We provide excellent wrap-around care through our Buddies Club so our working and vulnerable families are catered for with child-care every day. Buddies provides a nurturing environment for our children who enjoy a range of creative activities.

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