

Curriculum Rationale

Whole school

Intent	Implementation	Impact
 What is the purpose of our curriculum? Our curriculum content is structured and delivered in an age-appropriate and engaging way for all learners. Our curriculum is ambitious and enables all pupils to possess the skills they need to succeed as learners. Each section of our curriculum is strategically planned to ensure information is built upon carefully and robustly; our curriculum is broad and balanced. Pupil work is appropriately adapted so that all learners, regardless of ability and especially those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and/or disadvantaged pupils, make optimum and swift progress. Teaching draws out the opportunity for applying critical learning and thinking skills. Reading is prioritised across the school, ensuring that reading for pleasure is celebrated as a focus of our learners. Our four school values – Friendship, Honesty, Respect and Kindness – underpin everything we do in school. These values are in action throughout our school day. We encourage pupils to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries and develop new ways of seeing the world. 	 The Learning Journal within each subject is a key document, with three functions: To define 'end points', relevant to each year group and key stage; To clarify subject specific skills; To act as a reference point for both teachers and pupils in order to enable both to demonstrate next steps in progress. This curriculum is published on the website. In addition, a Curriculum Calendar exists for each subject. There is no specific lesson planning format that is required for all subjects. Resources for the curriculum may be commercially available packages, or they could be materials that are prepared by colleagues and shared. 	 Each year there is the opportunity for subject leaders, with appropriate teachers if there are any, to review the delivery of the curriculum on offer. A Department Action Plan follows the review and links to the school priorities. Long and medium-term planning. demonstrates adaptive teaching and reflects the results of audits, including Pupil Voice. For English and Mathematics, the impact is determined in regard to KS2 outcomes. Internal audits and moderation through the year inform a consideration of impact. There is a two-year cycle of external inputs: one year has a Governor visit, while the other year involves an externally-lead review. Impact can also be measured through key questioning skills built into lessons, child-led assessment, summative assessments and data analysis.



English



Mathematics



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The mathematical skills pupils have developed can then be taken through as a foundation for the workplace.	to ensure we are always delivering the best possible outcomes for our pupils • We take part in events such as The Primary Maths Challenge and the UKMT Junior and team competitions with our more able mathematicians, which provide ample opportunity for those pupils to apply and extend their own numerical skillset, as well as enabling them to enrich the thinking of their peers.	



SEND

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 What is the purpose of our curriculum? We provide opportunities for our pupils to engage with a diverse and well-rounded curriculum. We create a curriculum that sparks imagination, motivation and engagement. We provide a positive and safe environment where pupils are to express own points of view, understand and respect other points of view. We develop independent skills to implement in a range of contexts and environments. We provide a curriculum that caters for the needs of all pupils, ensuring appropriate adaptation and challenge. We deliver a curriculum that allows different needs and skills to be demonstrated through varying learning styles. We offer opportunities for pupils to undertake activities taking on different skills and understanding, learning the importance of collaboration. 	 Through our provision of a holistic curriculum, incorporating academia, social communication and emotional well-being, we ensure understanding the needs and interests of the pupils. We develop a range of activities and strategies to develop confidence and allow pupils to express themselves in a variety of ways. We are sure to include adaptation of resources such as: visual, verbal and kinaesthetic resources. Deployment of Teaching Assistants is strategically considered. We provide interventions as necessary. We incorporate assessments to supply meaningful data. We frequently review our Schemes of Work and responses of pupils. 	 Internal audits, external reviews and moderation reveal positive areas and development opportunities. Staff surveys express confidence in the delivery of lessons for the inclusion of SEND pupils. Identification of areas of need are developed through training and resources. Pupils demonstrate engagement and motivation within lessons. Pupils make progress in the different areas of need. Parental views of the inclusion and identification, support and development of pupils. Inclusion of SEND pupils in extracurricular activities.



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 We equip pupils with skills so they can develop lifelong learning and the ability to undertake tasks independent using problem solving skills they have enquired. We nurture social communication skills to have the confidence when sharing ideas and opinions. Pupil resilience is enhanced in the ability to reflect on own work and take on the opinions of others. Pupils develop self-worth, self-esteem and inclusion. We understand and appreciate differences and how to respectfully approach these. Our staff foster curiosity about subjects and develop areas of interest to further investigate. Nurture skills that can be taken further into their next stage of education and adult life. 		



Personal Social and Health Education

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 What is the purpose of our curriculum? We aim to promote children's knowledge, selfesteem, emotional wellbeing and resilience, and to help them to form and maintain ageappropriate, worthwhile and positive relationships through appropriate relationship and sex education (RSE). We ensure that pupils are also encouraged to consider what their future career might be and provide the interpersonal skills for this to be enacted in the future. Pupils are taught to have respect for themselves, and for others, within our local, national and global communities and are made aware of how to keep themselves safe. We want pupils to be equipped to consider their place in the world outside of education and prepare them for their future path of choice. We aspire to develop our pupils' sense of selfworth as individuals, so they can accept differences in opinions and maintain respect for others on a life-long basis. We inspire within pupils a curiosity about the world they live in and the variety of people who surround them, enabling them to continually ask questions and seek answers. 	 Schemes of learning build upon skills and knowledge over the key stages, reflecting back on different religious views. We use a range of activities to develop confidence and allow expression in a variety of ways. Pupils engage in guided group discussion which prepares structure for later written work, supported by scaffolding enabling all levels of ability to achieve success. We regularly review the themes of the scheme and the responses of the pupils, resulting in changes to the delivery; ensuring the scheme matches the needs of the pupils at Walkwood We respond to local and world events in our teaching, so pupils can make meaningful connections to our values. We ensure our pupils have the aptitude, interpersonal skills and opportunity to effectively communicate, and add value within the workplace, raising our pupils' employability skills. 	 We incorporate a range of assessments, in particular extended writing which shows success of scaffolding. Long and medium-term planning. demonstrates adaption reflecting the results of audits, especially pupil voice. Pupil voice audits reveal the depth of understanding of the subject content, but also the application of it to the wider world. Pupils have a clear understanding about how to keep themselves safe. Impact can also be seen in pupils' verbal responses, as they articulate their viewpoints respectfully as well as understanding why some people might have a different view. Pupils show a good understanding of Relationship, Sex and Health education.



Religious Education

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 What is the purpose of our curriculum? We aim for pupils to learn about religious and world views allowing them to make greater sense of the world around them. Pupils develop the ability to formulate their own opinion and be able to express their views respectfully, taking account of the view of others. Pupils are encouraged to have a love and appreciation, rather than a fear of difference, and to show kindness in their lives. Pupils glean an understanding of how people's actions can be shaped by religious teachings and various world views. Pupils will investigate the diversity and richness that can be brought to communities thanks for religion, secularism, alternative worldviews. 	 The Worcestershire Agreed Syllabus is implemented across the four years. Our carefully planned curriculum allows pupils to study elements from the major world religions. The school is built upon Christian values and pupils habitually immerse themselves in Collective Worship enabling them to practice our values whilst developing a greater theological understanding. Pupils are supported in developing the school vision and values; pupils become proficient at expressing their thoughts and opinions respectfully. We use a mixture of modern case studies as well as traditional texts and scripture to diversify the range of materials used. 	 Class discussion and pupil work will reflect development in understanding of how culture and religious belief can influence a person's actions and choices. A range of scripture is utilised in lessons, interpreted and analysed by pupils. Pupils use their knowledge of religions to apply these to how we live our lives today. Pupils demonstrate understanding of similarities and differences in belief as well as to explain why. Pupils can explain how religion may shape the way people live their lives and the impact this may have on society 	



History

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 What is the purpose of our curriculum? We foster pupils' understanding of 'belonging and being' and how they connect to the past, live in the present and look to the future. We aim to provide pupils with the skills and guidance to develop their own knowledge and ignite their passion for History. We strive to allow our children to develop a positive attitude towards becoming confident historians through the three domains: historical knowledge, historical concepts and historical enquiry. History aims to enable pupils to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills by becoming independent thinkers and questioners, acquiring a solid basis for lifelong learning. Pupils justify and develop opinions of the past but also use this knowledge within their own lives and recognise how the world around us is ever changing and that we use the past to learn from our mistakes. Pupils develop a chronological understanding of the world we live in and understand the consequences of actions through past, present and future. 	 Topics taught have been carefully selected to support the teaching of chronology, so pupils can learn sequentially over time periods and reflect. Building their own timeline of history as they progress through the school and key stages. Skills are frequently revisited; our lesson plans and resources help pupils build on prior knowledge alongside introducing new skills and challenge. Referring to British values within topics. Key vocabulary word mats are used in scheme of work and built into each lesson. This vocabulary is then included in display materials and additional resources to ensure that pupils are allowed opportunities to repeat and revise this knowledge. Knowledge organisers are used at the start of each topic to help pupil prepare for their learning ahead and revisit when needed. We intend to inspire pupils and practitioners to develop a love of History. Cross curricular aspects are embedded within schemes of work with other subjects for example: English, Mathematics and Science to encourage a broad and balanced curriculum. 	 Pupils are consistent with their use of historical technical vocabulary. We want to ensure that History is loved by the practitioners teaching it and pupils, therefore encouraging them to continue building on this wealth of historical knowledge and understanding. Impact can also be measured through key questioning skills built into lessons, child-led assessment, summative assessments and data analysis. Ultimately pupils leave Walkwood Church of England Middle School as competent historians with a passion for learning about the past and an appreciation of what has come before us.



Geography

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consequences of human actions through past, present and future. • Pupils demonstrate an appreciation of our local area and global community, understanding that they can make a difference in society.	Implementation	Impact



Science

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 What is the purpose of our curriculum? We deliver an engaging and challenging curriculum so that pupils develop a scientific perspective of the world around them and can make informed decisions. We aim to prepare our pupils effectively for the future to make them confident, responsible members of the school and wider community. We ensure coverage of all aspects of the Science National Curriculum. Through studying environmental issues, pupils will also develop their understanding of what it means to be a 'global citizen'. We enable pupils to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills by becoming independent thinkers and questioners, acquiring a solid basis for lifelong learning. We encourage curiosity and a passion in our pupils for them to learn about the world around them. We ensure that all pupils gain an understanding of science to make them 	 Carefully sequenced schemes of learning mean that coverage of scientific skills and knowledge is built upon systematically. Use of Learning Journals enables pupils to have a solid understanding of their own progression. An essential component of working scientifically is doing things in a scientific way and understanding the use of 'the scientific method.' Scientific literacy, communication skills and numeracy underpin the curriculum. Pupils given career information, advice, and guidance with several opportunities to talk about different scientific roles. 	 Reviews and audits reveal the progress which pupils make and how this is achieved. Internal and external assessments, alongside teacher assessments, demonstrate that most pupils make good or better progress. Pupil voice shows pupils are engaged in the subject, are challenged, and feel proud of their achievements. Pupils leave Our school with a good understanding of the scientific skills and knowledge they have been taught.



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 critical thinkers and to enable them to challenge, debate and understand. We passionately develop a love of science within our pupils which they will take with them beyond their middle school education. We demonstrate an appreciation of our local area and global community, and understand that pupils can make a difference in society. We are committed to developing pupils's curiosity about the subject, as well as an appreciation of the beauty and wonder of the world around us. 		



Physical Education

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 What is the purpose of our curriculum? The schemes of work cover all aspects of the National Curriculum meaning pupils will experience a broad range of topics. We encourage curiosity and engagement with a variety of different sporting and fitness activities. We provide pupils with a varied curriculum so they develop skills for lifelong learning and encourage lifelong participation in physical exercise, so they remain fit and healthy. We allow pupils to develop the skills necessary for varied team roles. We provide opportunities for pupils to evaluate and comment on performances of themselves and others in order to improve. We promote a love of physical activity and learning, so pupils experience a sport they enjoy and may wish to continue further. We offer opportunities for pupils to compete at district/county/national. 	Through the use of our Learning Journals pupils develop their 'Head', 'Hands' and 'Heart' skills. Head Love to Learn This area involves the 'thinking' element of PE and the passion for wanting to improve and learn more: Critical thinking Problem solving Problem solving dentification/ evaluation/analysis Decision making-tactics This provides pupils with a range of transferable skills, not just those specific to the sport itself, but that can be used in a variety of subjects and within the community – helping to develop the holistic child. The development because the specific to the sport itself, but that can be used in a variety of subjects and within the community – helping to develop the holistic child. Sequential planning enables progression within and across lessons, allowing pupils' 'Head', 'Hands' and 'Heart' objectives evolve. Skills are reinforced and revisited to check pupil understanding and ensure the fundamentals are being built upon.	 Reflection of the Departmental Action Plan and its link to the school priorities. Pupils apply their knowledge, understanding, skills and values to a range of physical activities and adapt to different situations and challenging environments. Pupil Voice shows pupils are engaged in the subject, are challenged, and feel proud of their achievements.



Design Technology

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 Design and Technology involves applying knowledge and skills when designing and making products. The activities undertaken enable pupils to consider the needs of individuals and society. Pupils in all year groups work in the areas of Resistant Materials and Food and use a range of materials and processes. Pupils are provided with a varied Design Technology curriculum which enables pupils to develop skills for life. The curriculum is designed to encourage pupils to solve problems. Pupils work independently and as part of a team. The schemes of work give pupils opportunities to research and evaluate. Pupils appreciate that there are alternative viewpoints to their own in offering design solutions so they respect diversity. We want pupils to have ambitions and to grow up wanting to be to apply knowledge and skills to appropriately technological and design careers. 	 Schemes of work provide the framework for learning and teaching in Design Technology. Carefully sequenced schemes of learning mean that coverage of design skills and knowledge is built upon systematically. Schemes of work are sequential with a range of adaptive tasks to aid progression. Use of Learning Journals enables pupils to plot their own progress, evaluate performance and set targets. Non-negotiable skills linked to high standards of presentation, and attitude to learning. 	 Each year the delivery of the curriculum on offer is reviewed. A Department Action Plan follows the review and links to the school priorities. Assessment information is collected and analysed termly. Book scrutinies, lesson observations and learning walks throughout the year ensure consistency. Information is gathered from Pupil Voice. Internal audits and moderation through the year inform a consideration of impact.



Computing

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Intent What is the purpose of our curriculum? • The computing schemes of work cover aspects of the national curriculum; dividing this into three main areas – Digital Literacy, Information technology and Coding. • The areas of study for each year group are synchronised, with planned content which progresses through the four years. • Our intended outcomes for pupils are to embrace technology and to use technology effectively. • Pupils engage with different programmes, software and applications and do so safely and appropriately. • We provide opportunities for pupils'	 Implementation How do we make sure that it is happening? Sequential schemes of work within the curriculum calendar encompass a range of differentiated activities to build on skills and knowledge. Pupils apply their computing knowledge across the curriculum. Skills are reinforced and revisited to check pupil understanding and ensure the fundamentals are being built upon. Learning Journals aid and facilitate pupil centred assessment, allowing pupils to understand where they are, where they are going and what they can do to achieve this. 	 Impact Reflection of the Departmental Action Plan and its link to the school priorities. We review in lessons how well pupils apply their knowledge, understanding, skills and values to a range of computing activities and adapting to different situations and challenging tasks. We use internal audits and external reviews to evaluate the progression of pupils through their Learning Journals and reflection of what they need to do to progress. We review the use of schemes of work and the consistency of delivery across the
 creativity and independence, where they can develop ideas systematically. We develop a love of computing within our pupils which they will confidently take with them into a variety of educational and work-related settings. We challenge our pupils to ask questions, explore their answers and develop their understanding of technology beyond the school environment. Pupils use computing safely and respectfully in order to demonstrate appreciation of the sensitivities of others and for themselves. 		department.



Music



French



Art



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 We help pupils to step out of their comfort zone when experimenting and working with new materials and media. We include reference to a wide range of contextual and cultural refences and use of materials, media, processes and techniques. 	Implementation	Impact

