



## **St Peter's Church of England Primary School**

### **Curriculum Statement**

#### **Intent**

We want the curriculum we teach the children at St Peter's Church of England Primary to inspire pupils to develop a love of learning through a distinctly Christian ethos allowing them to achieve their potential.

We noted that many of our pupil's had gaps in their key English and Maths skills and were not fully engaged in their learning. We designed a curriculum that we believe will embed these key skills and inspire all our pupils to enjoy learning and achieve their best.

#### **Implementation**

At St Peter's Church of England Primary School children in Foundation Stage follow the Early Years Foundation Curriculum and children in KS1 and KS2 follow the National Curriculum.

Our teachers engage pupils in the National Curriculum through a topic based approach using the Cornerstones Scheme. Planning includes enrichment events and activities for each topic to inspire and engage pupils. High quality and challenging books link to the topic and form the basis of English writing and reading planning. This enables interleaving of learning and embedding of key knowledge and skills. Some subjects have specific skills that need to be taught alongside topic work such as Phonics and Maths. These are taught through the discrete schemes such as Read, Write Inc and Power Maths. These tightly structured schemes incorporating frequent revisiting allow pupils to become confident in these skills and commit them to long term memory. We also use the Financial Maths programme which engages pupils through real life experience and allows them to use and apply maths skills across the curriculum.

We have also underpinned the National Curriculum with key Christian values and learning conducts that come from the important Route to Resilience work we have completed. These values are the backbone of the school behaviour policy, are the focus of Collective Worship themes and are promoted in the classroom to help all of our pupils succeed.

<b>Christian Values</b>	<b>Learning Conducts</b>
Forgiveness	Cooperation
Thankfulness	Perseverance
Trust	Concentration
Justice	Enjoyment
Compassion	Curiosity
Respect	Imagination
Friendship	Resilience
Hope	Risk Taking

## **Outside school**

We enjoy strong links with local schools, from within Embrace MAT and through Thomas Estley learning alliance. Further local links include with churches, community groups and local businesses. We also enjoy going on residential trips and school outings. Our adventures have included visits to The Cosby Victory Show, The Warning Zone, Drayton Manor, Twycross Zoo, Cadbury World and The Think Tank Science Museum.

Year 3 and 4 children enjoy a 2 day, 1 night residential at Beaumanor Hall while Year 5 & 6 children visit PGL Weymouth for a week's residential. This includes a number of water activities at the National Watersport Centre – a fantastic experience!

Sporting events are a big part of our school and pupils have the opportunity to take part in a large range of sports and competitions both in school and out.

## **School and home**

In our school teachers work hard to develop a partnership with all parents to work together to support each child's learning. We believe in letting parents and carers know what and how we are learning. We encourage two-way dialogue between school and home and support this through termly drop in sessions, Parents' Evenings, focused curriculum open mornings, Reading Records and open invitations to our weekly Friday sharing assemblies. We also believe that homework can help reinforce what we learn at school. Key skills homework like times tables, reading and spellings are kept to an appropriate level. Creative homework is based on the topic and enhances our learning in the classroom whilst providing opportunities to involve parents in their child's learning. It gives children a choice of homework to complete by giving often very open tasks so that they can become as involved as they want to in a way that they feel most comfortable.

## **Impact**

- Christian values and learning conducts will be demonstrated across pupils learning and in their everyday lives.
- Key knowledge and skills will be embedded.
- Our pupils will develop an enjoyment and engagement in learning.
- Our assessments will show all pupils made good progress across the curriculum.
- Our pupils will be fully prepared for their next stage of learning.