

## **Our Creative Curriculum**

We are delighted to introduce our newly designed creative curriculum from Y1 to Y6 from September 2014.

Our creative curriculum will allow for flexible and meaningful learning in all subject areas within the National Curriculum. Through theme based units, children will be enabled to develop independent learning skills and to apply their English and maths across all areas of the curriculum.

‘Creativity in learning encourages critical and reflective thinking and produces excited, enthusiastic and enquiry driven learners’ (Creative Partnerships 2005)

One of the main aims of our curriculum is that it is relevant and meaningful to the children who attend our school. It offers all children entitlement to a varied range of learning experiences and opportunities during their time with us.

Our child-centred curriculum is intended to be innovative, broad and varied. Our cross curricular themed topics, which are jointly developed between staff and children, are tailor made and unique to our school and children.

Creativity is embedded into everyday teaching and learning. The thematic topics are underpinned by three key elements that are at the heart of all we do: **creativity, independence and aspiration to achieve at the highest levels.**

Wherever possible, our themed topic approach will enable children to learn out of the classroom, in the locality and community in which they live, with a strong emphasis on first hand experiences.

Our curriculum supports our children to succeed through challenging tasks and activities that encourage them to take risks. Learning experiences will focus on developing their ability to think independently, enabling them to transfer their learning to all aspects of their life and prepare them for the future.

We have developed our curriculum taking into account the opinions of our children about what and how they want to learn. We believe that involving children and seeking and responding to their views motivates them to achieve highly in all areas of their learning.

Their views are reflected below and it is our intention that our children will be inspired and excited through opportunities to:

- Learn about and be connected with the community in which they live

- Visit places of interest found locally and further afield
- Learn through memorable, real life hands on experiences
- Learn how to do things – not just knowledge and facts
- Have time to learn: time to research, time to finish, time to improve and time to talk
- To have a say in what they learn and for their views to matter
- To communicate and learn with children from other schools and places
- Talk to experts and people who inspire them
- Do practical things, make and produce things
- Use technology to enhance and communicate their learning

Learn away from their classrooms in a range of environments