



The Dove Federation Curriculum Rationale

School Vision

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10

School Values

Respect, Beauty, Trust, Community, Love & Friendship

School Ethos

- To give each child experience of a wide programme of study including the requirements of the National Curriculum*
- To make provision for all pupils to develop their academic, moral, social and cultural potential.*
- To foster an attitude of care and respect for others through the religious and moral education and through the general ethos of the federation.*
- To develop skills appropriate to the individual child's capabilities.*
- To stimulate and develop the child's interests and capabilities.*
- To encourage care and respect of the environment and the local community, alongside an awareness of the wider community in which we live.*
- To provide equality of opportunity and equality of regard for every member of the federation community.*
- To enable pupils to learn a wider range of skills*

Aims of our Curriculum

Through our curriculum teaching, we have the following aims for our pupils. These are:

- To provide challenge, enjoyment, personalisation and progression*
- To provide children with the skills they need to succeed*
- To be able to reflect and evaluate*
- To develop pupils independence so that they are able to apply their learning independently*
- To develop a secure subject knowledge which they are able to apply and retain*
- To develop and broaden pupils understanding of language and vocabulary and be able to apply this to everyday conversations and learning*
- To encourage pupils to take pride in all that they do*

Knowledge Rich Curriculum (Knowledge Led)

At the Dove Federation we have designed a curriculum which focuses on the knowledge we wish to teach our children. Our aim is to ensure that the knowledge which is taught is in-depth, can be recalled and applied within learning. Language acquisition is a key focus, we wish to develop and enhance pupils understanding and use of language through the curriculum. Wherever possible we try to ensure that the knowledge that we teach is influenced by the pupil's interests. All of our learning is led by the National Curriculum and we use progression maps to ensure that the National Curriculum is being effectively covered.

How we deliver our curriculum

At the Dove Federation, each National Curriculum subject is timetabled into a weekly timetable to ensure that there is adequate coverage. In order to further enhance and allow for further opportunities for curriculum coverage we try to plan curriculum theme days for religious education, humanities, science and the arts. We also try to plan engaging school trips, which enhance the curriculum we are teaching.

How we teach

We try to use a variety of different ways to teach across the curriculum to ensure that all learning styles are catered for. As it, usually takes at least 3 times of hearing, seeing and doing something for a new skill and knowledge to be retained we try and re-visit previous learning as often as possible. Whenever possible we try to make lessons practical, investigative and active and try to create a good balance between this style of teaching and written work. This means that not all learning is recorded in books. We try to keep evidence of the practical work that we do through creating displays of our work and putting photographs of our practical work in a whole class floor book.

In line with our school vision we try to encourage and foster individual talents and promote opportunities for pupils to use these within our wider curriculum and extra-curricular activities. With this in mind all pupils within Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to access specialist music teaching as part of the weekly music lesson and also extra tuition. All pupils during the course of the academic year receive specialist teaching during their physical education lessons and have the opportunity to attend sports clubs.

