

Curriculum Rationale

A journey in faith, arriving with hope.

St. Thomas' School vision:

To inspire all children through a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum enabling every child to succeed.

We create an ethos where everyone is an explorer and an active participant. Children are challenged and encouraged to thrive in all areas. Our aim is to nurture talent and ensure children are equipped to live life in all its fullness.

Children experience a wide range of high quality lessons and enrichment activities daily. We recognise that children are naturally curious; therefore child-led learning is developed through their questions.

At St Thomas' the children are taught about the past and how to be prepared for their future. Links are made to the local area and key events which impact on our pupils. Our curriculum design develops the children's understanding of British Values; democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect.

Our curriculum is built around the principle of high levels of pupil involvement in their work and learning. It encourages and develops deep thinking. Questions are used as a starting point for each topic. Topics are introduced with a "WOW" lesson which inspires the children to generate their own questions to explore. Subsequent lessons are then planned to enable the children to satisfy their curiosity, and ensure the children learn subject specific skills, knowledge and understanding. Learning challenges allow the children opportunities to transfer the skills learned and developed in a range of contexts.