

Curriculum Principles in Writing

We know that our children need:			
To develop their understanding of the wider world.	To raise aspiration for all.	To develop their vocabulary	
We know this because:			
Our local community consists of mainly White British families who may not have much experience of the wider world. Therefore, we have a strong focus on diversity and inclusion throughout our curriculum.	Because parts of the local area measure lower than national average for education, skills and deprivation we want to promote ambition and aspiration to support our children and community to be the best they can be.	We understand that on entry a spoken language for a number of children is below that of the national average for their age, this is why we focus on developing pupil's vocabulary.	
These are important to ensure our children:			
Have an understanding, interest and respect for the diverse world which they live in and treat others how they would want to be treated. Develop an understanding of and make links between the school community, local community, wider community, global community becoming aware of their place within society. Are SUCCESS ful, well rounded, responsible young people who make a positive contribution to their community and beyond.	Continually strive to learn more, know more and be the best version of themselves. Grow as confident, independent and resilient learners who embrace the challenges of today, tomorrow and beyond. Work together so that all can achieve their potential with the knowledge that SUCCESS is in our hands.	Are confident, articulate and successful communicators. Can articulate their knowledge, learning and understanding as well as thoughts and opinions with ease and fluency. Can achieve SUCCESS throughout the curriculum and the wider world by constantly developing speech and language. Have a love and a passion for reading.	
Therefore, our curriculum is based on the following principles:			
Memory (inc. knowledge)	Opportunities	Vocabulary (inc. Reading)	Equality and Equity
Children need to have a rich body of knowledge in their long-term memory which forms the building blocks for making progress and acquiring higher-level skills. Our ambitious curriculum has been carefully sequenced by subject leaders with clearly identified sticky knowledge and key concepts that are revisited continuously so that pupils know, remember and understand more. With this knowledge embedded in their long-term memory our children will be ready for the challenges and opportunities of the future.	We want our children to learn about the best of what has been written, played, performed, painted, created etc. To have experiences that galvanise and support the acquisition of knowledge back in the classroom. Cultural capital is not just about trips and expensive visits. Weekly assemblies enhance pupil cultural capital ie: reading, RE, wider curriculum and Picture News assemblies.	Vocabulary and reading are at the heart of the curriculum. Our curriculum is carefully planned so that children develop their vocabulary. Early Reading is built upon and embedded over time. This develops a wide range of vocabulary and a love of reading. To access the wider curriculum and acquire the important knowledge our children are taught a wealth of vocabulary throughout all subjects.	Equality is a key principle as we want to ensure that all pupils access an ambitious curriculum and want to achieve the best possible outcomes for all groups of children including SEND, PP, protected characteristics and sexuality. Our curriculum is designed to develop a deep understanding of the wider world so that children are respectful, knowledgeable and understand the importance of treating each other equally.

In Writing this is evidenced through:

<p>National curriculum followed whilst Writing KCPD's are being developed. Genre/purpose writing grid used to ensure children are revisiting and building on skills during their years at Mapplewells. The opportunity to continuously revisit prior learning. Use of assessment tools to help retain children's learning. Use of Working Walls to revisit prior learning. Use of GAPS assessments to give the opportunity for recall. Curriculum links to other subjects as Writing skills and standards are revisited. Review and reflect Recall/reapply activities take place in every lesson as part of our lesson design.</p>	<p>Authentic outcomes are planned that give the children the opportunity to make their writing purposeful. Children write for different genres and purposes to give them opportunities to share and impact on the wider world. Once every 3 years children are entered into a writing competition where their work can be published for others to read. Incentives and ClassDojo points are given to encourage presentation. Discrete handwriting sessions are taught weekly across the school.</p>	<p>A vocabulary rich environment across the school across all curriculum areas. Flashcards on display in classrooms and used to revisit vocabulary and new words are available on working walls as blue for new vocabulary. . Spelling taught each week and through our writing sequence and these are then used in a purposeful way in our writing. Key vocabulary is developed through immersion lessons in our writing sequence and is available for our children to use as a scaffold throughout our lessons.</p>	<p>Quality first teaching of Writing allows all children to access the learning. Learning is scaffolded up, so all children aspire to know and learn more. Children learn about other cultures through varied texts and writing opportunities. All children have access to the use of IT equipment to support in their learning. Support provided in lessons for children when required to allow all children to make progress.</p>
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