

Downs Way School Curriculum Policy

Aims

All children have a right to a broad, balanced and relevant education which provides continuity and progression and takes individual differences into account. Work in school should be designed to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum.

The School should:

- Cater for the needs of individual children of both sexes from all ethnic and social groups, including the most able and those that are experiencing learning difficulties.
- Facilitate children's acquisition of knowledge, skills and qualities which will help them to develop intellectually, emotionally, socially, physically, morally and aesthetically, so they may become independent, responsible, useful, thinking, confident and considerate members of the community.
- Create and maintain an exciting and stimulating learning environment.
- Ensure each child's education has continuity and progression.
- Ensure that there is a match between each child and the tasks he/she is asked to perform.
- Provide an appropriate curricular balance amongst the competing and sometimes conflicting aims of education.
- Provide an appropriate level of challenge and extension tailored to the needs of each child.
- Recognise the crucial role which parents play in their child's education and make every effort to encourage parental involvement in the educational process.
- Treat children in a dignified way.

Children should:

- Learn to be adaptable. Learn how to solve problems in a variety of situations. Learn how to work independently and as members of a team.
- Be developing the ability to make reasoned judgements and choices, based on interpretation and evaluation of relevant information from a variety of sources.
- Be happy, cheerful and well balanced.
- Be enthusiastic and eager to put their best into all activities.
- Begin acquiring a set of moral values, e.g. honesty, sincerity, personal responsibility on which to base their own behaviour.
- Be expected to behave in a dignified and acceptable way and learn to become responsible for their actions.
- Care for and take pride in their school.
- Be developing tolerance, respect and appreciation of the feelings and capabilities of others in an unbiased way.
- Be developing non-sexist and non-racist attitudes.
- Know how to think and solve problems mathematically in a variety of situations using concepts of number, algebra, measurement, shape and space, and handling data.

- Be able to listen and read for a variety of purposes and be able to convey their meaning accurately and appropriately through speech and writing for a variety of purposes.
- Be developing an enquiring mind and scientific approach to problems.
- Have opportunities to solve problems using technological skills.
- Be capable of communicating their knowledge and feelings through various art forms, including art/craft, music, drama and be acquiring appropriate techniques which will enable them to develop their inventiveness and creativity.
- Know about geographical, historical and social aspects of the local environment and the national heritage and be aware of other times and places and recognise links among family, local, national and international events.
- Have some knowledge of the beliefs of the major world religions.
- Be developing agility, physical co-ordination and confidence in and through movement.
- Know how to apply the basic principles of health, hygiene and safety.