

The Curriculum at Redbourn Infants & Nursery School

The curriculum we teach is taken directly from the New National Curriculum (September 2014) for the children in Key Stage One. Different areas of learning are given to each year group as identified on the long term plans.

In the Foundation Stage, the Statutory Framework for the EYFS (September 2014) is followed and therefore meets the legal requirement for schools.

We believe the children at our school should have the opportunity to learn through a rich and creative curriculum. This offers the children a wide range of learning experiences whilst providing enriching opportunities to develop skills for life; which has at its heart the children's interests.

To compliment this we have introduced into each class a Learning Owl. The purpose of the Learning Owl is to promote the language of learning and to give the children ownership of their learning. Each cohort has skills specific to them that they work through on a weekly basis. The weekly class blog is used to provide further updates on the specific skills. Our monthly Learning Themes highlight a specific focus within the curriculum; linking to challenges and the next steps. This underpins the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils. The children's learning is scaffolded and challenged through our steps to success which are embedded throughout each curriculum area.

Our Forest School offers the children an opportunity to explore and learn further in an outdoor context within our school grounds.

Subjects

Our creative curriculum ensures excellent coverage through our whole school topics. Each area of the curriculum is monitored by a subject leader who is responsible for ensuring that their subject has a high profile across the school. The subject leader monitors and provides guidance to the staff to ensure excellent coverage across both key stages.

Phonics and Reading Schemes

As a School we use the 'Letters and Sounds' scheme to teach phonics and spelling. Children are grouped according to the letters and sounds phases across year groups.

Our children have access to a wide range of books to support their reading development including picture books and classic children's novels. The reading schemes in use by the school include Oxford Reading Tree, Rigby Star, PM Starters and PM, Spiral Starters and Reading 360.