



Balliol Primary School

Curriculum statement

Intent

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At Balliol Primary School, we offer an inspiring and ambitious curriculum that helps all children enjoy learning and achieve their best. Our curriculum is carefully planned so that new learning builds on what children already know, helping them develop skills and understanding step by step.

We make sure learning is accessible to every child, supporting individual needs so all pupils can succeed and feel confident. Alongside strong knowledge and skills, we encourage children to be curious, resilient and willing to try new challenges, seeing mistakes as part of learning.

Our curriculum promotes respect, kindness and understanding of others. We celebrate diversity and create a safe, inclusive environment where every child feels valued, supported and ready for the next stage of their education.

Big ideas

 Humankind Understanding what it means to be human and how human behaviour has shaped the world.	 Nature Understanding the complexities of the plant and animal species that inhabit the world.
 Processes Understanding the many dynamic and physical processes that shape the world.	 Place and space Understanding the visual, cultural, social, and environmental aspects of places around the world.
 Creativity Understanding the creative process and how everyday and exceptional creativity can shape the world.	 Comparison Understanding how and why things are the same or different.
 Investigation Understanding the importance of investigation and how this has led to significant change in the world.	 Significance Understanding why significant people, places, events and inventions matter and how they have shaped the world.
 Materials Understanding the properties of all matter, living and non-living.	 Change Understanding why and how things have changed over time.

Mission statement

Balliol Primary School strives to be our local community primary school of choice. We offer an inclusive learning environment which is ambitious for our pupils and prepares them for their future education and beyond.

☆ General principles

Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- develop and demonstrate their creativity
- experience the challenge and enjoyment of learning

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Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- develop new skills through a variety of interesting contexts
- see clear links between different aspects of their learning
- develop a rich and deep subject knowledge
- understand the purpose and value of their learning and see its relevance to their past, present and future
- learn within a coherent and progressive framework
- explore the breadth and depth of the national curriculum

SMSC/FBV

Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- Spiritual - Explore beliefs, experience and faiths, feelings and values; enjoy learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world; use imagination and creativity and reflect on experiences
- Moral - Recognise right and wrong and respect the law; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues and offer reasoned views
- Social - Use a range of social skills to participate in the local community and beyond; appreciate diverse viewpoints; participate, volunteer and cooperate; resolve conflict
- Cultural - Appreciate cultural influences; appreciate the role of Britain's parliamentary system; participate in culture opportunities; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity
- Rule of law - Learn that all people and institutions are subject to and accountable for their actions and behaviour
- Individual liberty - Be free to express views or ideas
- Tolerance and respect - To respect and tolerate the opinions or behaviour of others
- Democracy - Be part of a system where everyone plays an equal part

✓ Well-being

Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- develop self-esteem and confidence in their abilities
- learn how to respect themselves and others
- recognise that people are good at different things
- build respectful friendships
- reflect and think mindfully about their learning

Pupil voice

Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- explore ways of becoming an active citizen
- take part in age-appropriate discussions
- make a positive contribution to the school and local community
- express their opinions on a range of different topics and issues

Pedagogy

Our curriculum will be taught through a pedagogy that:

- excites, promotes and sustains children's interest
- offers all children a memorable experience at the start of every topic
- enables and fosters children's natural curiosity
- promotes problem solving, creativity and communication
- enables children to reflect on and evaluate their learning

Enrichment

We will enrich our curriculum by:

- offering opportunities for children to learn outdoors
- providing on and off-site subject or topic related activities
- using quality resources in and out of the classroom