

Curriculum Overview

Foundation Stage children take part in activities designed to develop key skills and concepts which will support them in their learning. We aim to encourage children's natural curiosity and interest in the world around them as they begin their journey through the school curriculum. The Early Years Stage Curriculum is followed in Foundation.

Once children enter Year 1, they will be taught the full range of National Curriculum subjects. This includes English, Mathematics, Science, Information and Communications Technology, Geography, History, Art, Music, Design Technology, Physical Education and Religious Education.

We also teach Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education, which includes Sex and Relationships Education and Drug and Alcohol Education.

Class Teachers send home a newsletter at the start of each term which outlines the areas being covered. This enables parents to support children by visiting the library or museums to raise children's awareness or interest in topics being studied. We have policy documents for each subject and parents are welcome to view these if they wish.

Educational Visits

We believe that children learn best through experience, so our pupils regularly leave the classroom on visits (or we bring visitors into school) to really bring learning alive. Recent visits to the seashore at Southend-on-Sea, Stansted Mountfitchett, Bethnal Green Toy Museum and the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge have stimulated debate and investigation and helped children to uncover facts and share knowledge in the locality.

Swimming

We are lucky enough to have weekly swimming sessions for all our children from Year 2 to Year 6. Swimming is part of the PE curriculum and lessons are compulsory. Children are dropped off at the pool in Waltham Abbey at the start of the day where they have a lesson with a trained instructor. At the end of the session they are collected and returned to school by coach.

Parents Evenings

We hold Parents Evenings each term and these give you an opportunity to look at your child's work and discuss progress with the class teacher. The Headteacher is also available at these times. You do not have to wait until an open evening to raise any issues. Staff are always willing to arrange a mutually convenient time.