

SAINT ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Whole School Curriculum Overview

2017-2018



At Saint Anne's we look to Jesus as our guide in praying and learning, as we strive to achieve excellence in all our God given talents. Each one of us is special as we accept and respect one another as children of God.

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Curriculum Rationale

Our curriculum is based on the strong desire for every child to leave St. Anne's being prepared for the world **spiritually, morally, socially** and **academically**.

Aims

At St Anne's we believe in providing a personalised, broad and balanced curriculum that meets the needs of all pupils, and which endeavours to nurture and teach the Gospel Values by creating an environment where each child is given the opportunity to achieve excellence.

Key Objectives

- To deliver quality teaching so that children can gain knowledge, skills and understanding across all areas of the curriculum and develop **critical thinking and problem solving skills**.
- To embed the Gospel Values across all areas of the curriculum so that children, staff and parents work together to build a safe and caring learning environment.
- To provide meaningful experiences which will enrich learning, through visiting practitioners, creating "wonder and awe moments," outdoor activities, local and residential trips.
- To ensure children have a wide understanding of the world, starting with local knowledge in KS1, national knowledge in LKS2 and international knowledge in UKS2.
- To provide opportunities for all children to develop, use and celebrate their talents.

At Saint Anne's we have adopted an approach that seeks to connect learning and build and secure knowledge and skills by proving **experiences, reflection and then action**. We believe that this is how our children learn best at St. Anne's and have the best opportunity to translate one skill from one subject to another resulting in the potential for higher success.

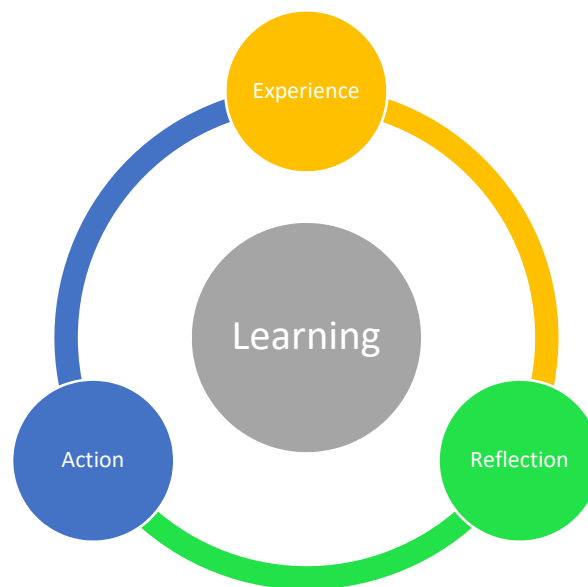
Each term, classes will have an overarching enquiry-based topic to encourage children to identify their own questions and to become reflective learners. These termly topics will allow children to become fully immersed in learning across the curriculum. Over the course of the year, there will also be whole school themed weeks to recognise special celebrations and world events.

Our Teaching Philosophy

At Saint Anne's learning begins with the sharing of experience through enquiry e.g. Who were the Vikings? Why do we have a democracy? Does God love us all?

Next teaching helps pupils **research, analyse and reflect** on their experience helping to secure knowledge, understanding and skills.

Finally opportunities are created for pupils to put their learning into action through **research, oral, written and project work** to gain more experience



Key areas for Learning and Teaching 2017-2018

Teacher modelling - written and verbal modelling as scaffolds

Questioning - to challenge and deepen reflection and build understanding

Marking and feedback - accurate formative assessment measuring progress

Encouraging deeper learning- developing critical skills to master skills

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