

You said...we did

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What do my children learn?

In the parental survey, only 83% said that the school makes you aware of what your child/ren will learn during the year. We have worked hard this year to improve the curriculum communication and used the school website as a platform to do this. I want to take this opportunity to share how this has been done.

Previously, information had been written on boards placed outside of the classroom which I felt only supported those of you who were there at drop off or collection time. Now they support all of you. On the 'Our Class' tab on the website, you will find a page for each year group. Teachers now update these weekly with the key learning for the week ahead. Other information, such as the Curriculum Evening Presentation notes which contain lots of useful advice to support your children, are also found here.

In the 'School Information' tab there is a curriculum section. In here are our long-term plans give you an overview for the year for each year group. We have also been working incredibly hard to restructure the curriculum so that there is a clear knowledge progression that begins in Preschool and continues all the way through until Year 6 in EVERY SUBJECT. This has been a huge task and I can not tell you how proud I am of the way in which teachers have responded to this. The benefits of this can already be seen when we visit classes, talk to the children and look in books. I urge you to look at this section of the website and see how everything has been organised and the information that you can access.

Does the school have high expectations for my child?



In the survey, only 65% of you felt that the school had high expectations for your children and 20% weren't sure. This is clearly something that we need to look at. Recent governor visits and learning walks carried out by the Trust speak about how knowledgeable subject leads are, the clear direction of the curriculum and the passion and enthusiasm of the staff and children at school to achieve and succeed. The data at the end of last academic year, which reflects the children's complete journey through the school up to the point of assessment was excellent, and above national in every area in KS1 and KS2 testing.

A focus on reading

We know that you want to work with us to support your child's education. Last year, our phonics results were weaker than they should have been and a new phonics scheme has been implemented as a result. The results from this are very encouraging and Mrs Hibbard, our Phonics Lead, is working closely with all EYFS and KS1 staff to deliver this. The support of parents with rehearsing the phonics sounds and regular reading cannot be ignored. The new reading scheme books in EYFS and KS1 have lots of clear prompts and questions to support with developing comprehension. We are looking at building this now into KS2 as the scheme has some excellent books that are engaging and carefully written at appropriate levels. There are online resources which we are trialling that we hope will enable teachers to assign books with quizzes and comprehension activities so that we can work together to support our children.



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