

# Russell Hall Primary School

## Our Curriculum



The school curriculum consists of the planned activities that we organise in order to promote learning and personal growth and development. It covers the formal requirements of the National Curriculum and provides enrichment experiences for the children such as visits to museums, sporting events, residential experiences and visiting musicians and theatre groups. It also includes what the children learn from the way they are treated and expected to behave. We aim to teach children how to grow into positive, responsible people, who can work and co-operate with others while developing knowledge and skills, so that they achieve their full potential. At the beginning of each half term parents are given an overview of the curriculum detailing the themes/topic that will be taught for their child's year group. We base our phonics teaching on the Letters and Sounds materials and use 'Bug Club' as the basis of our reading scheme across school. This offers interactive computer based resources for reading which can be used at home as well as in the classroom. Teachers are happy to discuss any aspect of the curriculum and to provide further information and support to parents. In key stage two children also use Accelerated Reader to help them decide on appropriate books to read, matched to their ability.

### **Music**

We currently provide music tuition through vocal coaching sessions in years 3 and 4, Recorders for year 4, African drumming/Samba for year 5 and brass tuition for pupils in years 5 and 6. In addition to this we have a school choir for KS1 and KS2 pupils. We engage professional musicians to perform music from different genres to broaden the children's musical experiences. Children sing during assemblies and enjoy singing collectively once a week.

### **Sport**

Russell Hall offers its full time pupils two hours of PE provision each week. In year 5 the pupils have a weekly swimming lesson as part of their PE curriculum. We are involved in sports festivals with local schools which include football, rugby, cricket, cross-country running, swimming and athletics events, to name a few.

**Sex and Relationships Education** forms a part of our PSHCE curriculum and covers friendships, relationships and changes. As part of this, in years 5 and 6 children learn about the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty. Parents are able to view the materials used in school and to discuss the programme with the teachers and school nurse.

## **British Values**

The DfE have recently reinforced 'the need to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British Values of Democracy, the Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs'.

All Russell Hall these values are reinforced regularly in the following ways:

*Democracy* is rife within school. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voice heard through our School Council and Pupil Questionnaires. Our school behaviour policy using 'dojo points' can be used for the whole class to work together to receive a reward.

*The Rule of Law* is consistently reinforced throughout school when dealing with behaviour, through specific teaching and school assemblies. Children at Russell Hall are taught the value and reason behind these laws; that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. (See Behaviour Policy). Visits from other authorities, e.g. Police, Fire Service, Life Guard, Nurse etc are encouraged throughout the year.

### *Individual Liberty*

Within Russell Hall, pupils are readily encouraged to make choices, knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school, we provide boundaries and an environment to ensure the safety of all.

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise these rights and personal freedoms through our E-Safety, PSHE, SMSC lessons and assemblies. Pupils can participate in numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, allowing them freedom to make choices.

### *Mutual Respect*

Our school ethos revolves around our 'Learning Muscles'; **Collaboration**, **Curiosity**, **Perseverance**, **Resourcefulness**, **Respect** and **Reflection**. Children are taught and encouraged through direct teaching, discussion and assemblies the value and importance of mutual respect and understanding of each other.

### *Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs*

This is achieved through enhancing pupil understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by providing opportunities to experience such diversity through visits to various places of worship. Assemblies take place to discuss prejudice and prejudice-based bullying, especially during our yearly dedicated Anti-Bullying Week.

## **Special Educational Needs Provision**

We aim that all children will have full access to the National Curriculum and every opportunity to access new and exciting experiences. Children's progress is regularly

assessed and where appropriate, work is planned around a child's particular needs to support them to make progress. We meet regularly with parents to ensure you are kept informed and involved as much as possible so we can work together to support your child. Our school SENCO is Mrs Higgs.

### **Equal Opportunities**

At Russell Hall Primary School we value the individuality of all of our children. We are committed to giving all our children every opportunity to achieve their highest potential. We do this by taking account of pupils' varied experiences and needs. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, and have high expectations of all children.

### **Standards**

Teacher assessment is undertaken regularly and children's progress and attainment are monitored carefully. Information is shared with parents each term. Formal assessments (SATs) are undertaken by children at the end of Year 2 and Year 6. Results are available on the DfE website:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/establishments/urn/107433/russell-hall-primary-school>

The school holds **Healthy School Status** and the **Activemark** and in 2012 we were once again awarded the **ArtsMark** from the Arts Council to recognise the quality of the Arts provision in school.

### **E-safety**

Parents should read the page in their child's journal called 'using the Internet Responsibly' alongside their child, agree to it and sign it. E-Safety is delivered both discretely and reinforced during teaching of IT and computing using the Common Sense Media resources. For more information please visit [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

### **Pastoral Care**

The progress and welfare of each pupil is a core element of the care provide by the staff of the School, (Class-Teacher, Headteacher and Ancillary Staff), as well as visiting staff, (School Doctors, Nurses and others), who welcome a close liaison with the home. There are a number of staff who hold a first-aid qualification. Mrs Firth our Pupil and family liaison officer is happy to help if you have any questions or need any advice or support. Leaflets about the support they can offer are available from the Office and on our website [www.russellhallprimary.co.uk](http://www.russellhallprimary.co.uk).

## Homework

We believe that homework is important and a valuable part of the children's learning. We aim to offer information sessions for parents to help keep you up to date with the changes in education such as the increasing emphasis on phonics and the new strategies for maths. Please see the school website for a copy of the Homework Policy, which outlines the expectations for different year groups.

## Visits and trips

Class-work is often enriched by educational journeys beyond the local environment. Where expenses (entrance fees etc.) are incurred the school requests voluntary contributions from parents. Visits in recent years have included the Beatles Museum, The Deep, Bradford Cathedral, a Buddhist monastery, Cliffe Castle Museum and the Imax. We have also been able to provide residential visits for children in year 4 and year 6. Further details of our Charging and Remissions policy are available to view on our website.

## Extra-curricular Clubs and activities

There are a number of clubs which are offered by staff on a termly basis. In the past we have run a Spanish Club, Tag Rugby, Chess club, Basketball, Choir.

## Planning

At Russell Hall Primary School all teaching is planned using the EYFS Curriculum or the Essential Milestones. These form a basis for planning and objectives are taken from here, the following documents support planning throughout school:

	EYFS	KS1	KS2
Thematic Curriculum Focus	EYFS Curriculum	Focus Learning Challenges	
Maths	Numbers & Patterns	5 Phase Maths Planning Format	
Reading	Bug Club		Accelerated Reader
Writing	- Letters & Sounds - Jolly Phonics	Talk for Writing TAPS (Mastery in Y6)	
Spelling/Phonics		Letters & Sounds	2014 Spelling Appendix
Grammar		Russell Hall Grammar Progression Document	
French			Le Jolie Ronde
SMSC	Bradford Spiral Curriculum SEAL		
IT	Bradford Innovation Curriculum		
Science	EYFS Curriculum	Rising Stars	