

Our Curriculum

Curriculum coverage is thematic and designed to engage the children as well as cover all core and foundation subjects, building on skills and developing knowledge.

Parents are sent a termly overview of the curriculum for information.

Early Years Foundation Stage

The Foundation Stage at Adderley Church of England Primary School is situated in our main Victorian building which also houses the Nursery. This gives the added benefit of free-flow of the children as well as a safe and secure outside learning environment.

The Foundation Stage Curriculum consists of six areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional; Communication, Language and English; Mathematical Development; Knowledge and Understanding of the World; Creative Development and Physical Development. We try to encourage independence in a safe, caring and well-planned environment both indoors and out.

The Main School (Infants Key Stage 1, Juniors Key Stage 2)

The school has a statutory responsibility to teach the subjects of the National Curriculum. These are divided into areas of learning which include English, Mathematics, Science, Computing and other foundation subjects. In Key Stage 2, children are also introduced to a modern foreign language.

English

The National Curriculum splits English into three distinct areas: Spoken Language, Reading (word reading and comprehension) and Writing, (handwriting, spelling and composition).

As part of our partnership with parents, children are provided with books to share and read at home throughout the year. A Reading Diary is assigned to each child and parents are encouraged to make comments as part of the dialogue between home and school.

Infant children bring home a book from a phonics/reading programme that matches their decoding ability and a book of their choice to share with a parent. From Year 2 onwards children are able to choose from free readers, which is a selection of books for those children who are confident at word decoding and who do not require books from a particular phonics or a reading programme.

In addition, children bring home spellings and English home learning to complete. Children are encouraged to use the school library, to change books, gather information from reference books and browse. A range of events to promote reading are held throughout the year, including visits from authors. Furthermore, on World Book Day the children are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character.

Mathematics

The National Curriculum for Mathematics is divided into Number and the Number System, Number Operations and Calculation, Money, Measures, Geometry and Statistics. We believe practical activities are important for giving a child a better understanding of mathematical concepts. The acquisition of computational skills is particularly important as this enables children to solve problems quickly and accurately.

Foundation Subjects

Adderley Church of England Primary School believes in providing an exciting curriculum that inspires everyone at the school to reach their potential. We want children to enjoy their learning - developing enquiring minds, the personal qualities they need to be good citizens of the world, a sense of their own nationality and culture, as well as a profound respect for the nationalities and cultures of others.

Most of all, we want children to develop all the skills they will need in order to confidently face the world of tomorrow. We provide a cross-curricular, thematic, teaching structure designed to engage children of all abilities. It combines the foundation subjects, such as Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology into topics.

ICT

At Adderley Church of England Primary School the children make use of a wide range of information and communication technology applications. They learn to apply their skills in word processing, data handling, graphics and controlling devices. Through the use of a variety of programmes, these skills are used to enhance work produced in other areas of the curriculum. The school is linked to an internal network which gives pupils access to their own files, printers and other multimedia devices and this is also connected to the internet via a 'fire wall' to provide appropriate access and protection. Pupils have access to laptops and tablets to encourage them to use their research skills in other areas of the curriculum.

Music

Music is a subject that encourages active participation. The requirements of the National Curriculum are met through class based music activities.

Sex and Relationship Education

It is the policy of the school that Sex and Relationship Education will be specifically taught as part of our Personal, Health and Social Education lessons. Further details are available from the school office.

Religious Education

Religious Education contributes to children's spiritual, moral, social, cultural and intellectual development. Children are encouraged to respect the religious commitment of others and accept that people have the right to hold different religious beliefs. The school teaches RE in line with the legal requirement, by following the agreed syllabus of the Shropshire Local Authority. It is felt that all children, whatever their personal beliefs and commitments, can study RE in line with this syllabus.

Assemblies/Collective Worship

We aim to ensure that the broad traditions of Christian belief are reflected in our daily worship and that all our assemblies reflect values which would be acceptable, not only to Christianity, but also to most other religions. We also hold regular Celebration Assemblies to celebrate good work.

Right of Withdrawal

Our intention is that Religious Education and Collective Worship, as well as our Sex and Relationship Education, shall be inclusive activities, respecting the integrity of all concerned. Children may be withdrawn from these activities, but we encourage parents to discuss this fully with the Head Teacher before coming to a final decision.

Extra Curriculum

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have many organised activities taking place after school. Please contact the school for up to date information regarding activities that are available.