

**Oak Hill First School**  
**Curriculum Intent Statement 2018-2019**

**At Oak Hill First school we carefully design, plan and implement a curriculum which provides breadth for every pupil:**

At Oak Hill First school careful analysis and discussion about our pupils' backgrounds, life experiences and culture has helped us to design a curriculum with four key priorities underpinning every subject area. We believe that by focusing on the following key priorities our children will be ready to successfully meet the challenges of the next stage of their education and their lives.

***Our curriculum priorities are:***

1. **Challenge & Enjoyment** - we aim to ensure pupils find their learning challenging, engaging and motivating. Our curriculum encourages high aspirations and ambitions for all. At each stage in their school life, our pupils will experience an appropriate level of challenge, to enable each individual to achieve his or her potential. We aim to provide opportunities for our pupils to be active in their learning and have opportunities to develop and demonstrate their creativity.
2. **Relevance** - we aim to offer experiences where pupils understand the purpose of their learning and related activities. We aim for our pupils to see the value of what they are learning and its relevance to their lives, present and future.
3. **Breadth** - we aim to ensure pupils have opportunities for a broad range of experiences. We believe their learning should be planned and organised so that they will learn and develop through a range of context within both the classroom and other aspects of school life.
4. **Pastoral** - we aim to provide a carefully interwoven curriculum of learning through SMSC, British Values, PSHE alongside our pastoral provision to meet the needs of all pupils' personal and mental well-being needs.

We have designed and planned our curriculum to offer a range of experiences which contribute to every child receiving a full and rich curriculum. The range of experiences we offer support and champion our culture and ensures that our children benefit from a full range of academic, spiritual, moral, social and cultural activities. These activities enrich their lives and those of our whole school community and make them proud of their British values and diverse society to which they belong and play an active part. We are proud that our curriculum gives our children the skills, confidence and self-belief to lead a happy and fulfilled life by encouraging them to aim high and work towards their goals and dreams in life.

**At Oak Hill First school we carefully design, plan and implement a curriculum to provide balance for every pupil:**

At Oak Hill First school it is our underlying belief that every child should feel valued and experience the feeling of success in a wide range of curriculum areas. We believe that through the curriculum we can impact on what is in children's head and how they feel about themselves, so that they feel clever, confident and ready to tackle any challenge they may face.

We have designed, organised and planned our curriculum to ensure every child receives an appropriate mix of academic and personal development which means that in practice our curriculum places equal importance on core and foundation subjects.

At Oak Hill First school we place high priority on ensuring children's physical and mental wellbeing are met. We understand that children will not be successful learners unless they are emotionally secure, therefore we carefully design our curriculum and adopt a flexible approach to timetabling to ensure that we can meet and respond to any issues which may arise. Children's physical and mental wellbeing are as valued and important as academic development.

We carefully monitor children's progress with their personal development and our well planned and thoughtful approach to SMSC helps to ensure that every child is well cared for and supported.

Our balanced approach to the curriculum is not at the expense of high standards in core subject areas. High standards and enabling children to reach national expectations and above is of vital importance if they are to succeed at the next stage of their education and go on to achieve full and happy lives and careers.

Our full and rich curriculum, with its excellent range of experiences, ensures that every pupil at Oak Hill First School makes excellent progress both academically and personally. Our unique curriculum ensures that every child is given the opportunity to shine and flourish.

**Our curriculum at Oak Hill First school is carefully designed, organised and planned for depth of learning:**

At Oak Hill First school our definition of progress is; the widening and deepening of essential knowledge, skills, understanding and learning behaviours. We design, organise and plan our curriculum to ensure that children are not merely covering content but achieving a depth to their learning which enables them to use their skills and understanding in all areas of the curriculum.

Our careful curriculum design and planning means that we build in many opportunities for repetition and practise opportunities for essential knowledge, skills and understanding in every subject. This ensures that children are able to revisit previous learning, which allows them to gradually develop a deeper understanding of the skills and processes within subjects, at their own pace and in the best possible way for each individual child.

Our curriculum is meticulously designed and planned to move the nature of children's thinking to a higher order deep level of understanding rather than just acquiring new facts and knowledge.