



# Our Curriculum: Statement of Intent



*'Powerful knowledge serves you well.'* (Prof. Michael Young: University of London)

At Deepdale Community Primary School, we see every child as a unique individual with the capacity to thrive and be successful. Our school motto of 'Harmony in Diversity' underpins a broad and balanced curriculum, which aims to ensure that children leave their primary education as confident, resilient learners with a thirst for knowledge. Our end goal is to teach our children to be mature, curious and eager within the community they are part of. Anything is possible! As a result of our ambitious and carefully planned curriculum that meets the needs of all of our pupils, children will continually develop as secure readers with an extensive vocabulary in order that they continue to understand the wider world that they are part of. We encourage problem solving, critical thinking and effective communication across every curriculum subject. By the time our pupils leave their primary phase of education, our valued curriculum will have ensured that they are eager to move on to the next stage of learning; they take pride in their work, can justify their opinions thoughtfully and manage their emotions carefully whilst always taking others in to consideration. Pupils will have the cultural capital necessary to succeed in life. At Deepdale Community Primary School, our shared vision is that every child is challenged from their individual starting point onwards. Every child is engaged in their learning and thrives in our continued care.

## Curriculum Drivers

At Deepdale Community Primary School, we will all: -

- Celebrate our differences
- Have high aspirations
- Be passionate about the wider curriculum
- Strive to be healthy
- Love language.

### *Why celebrate our differences?*

Here at Deepdale Community Primary School, we serve a culturally diverse community and speak around 28 different languages. We see this as being a true strength of the school that allows us to learn about the wider world. This fantastic opportunity allows us to see 'life beyond Deepdale' and will drive the PSHE aspect of our curriculum, which includes how we exhibit spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding. We endeavour to become a 'Rights Respecting School' and our expectation is that every individual appreciates the core British Values that also guide us towards living a fulfilling and adventurous life.

### *Why do we have high aspirations?*

Across the curriculum, we will seize opportunities to identify our talents and share our strengths. With this in mind, a growing number of pupils here at Deepdale will exceed expected progress and demonstrate mastery in a variety of subjects. The core principles of the curriculum will enable more and more children to strive to be key contributors to the community they belong to and shape the wider world. Links with other schools and local businesses will develop pupils' sense of future achievement and children will speak confidently regarding their planned journey through further education. Nothing will be 'out of the ordinary' to Deepdale pupils as they explore job possibilities

and are inspired by visitors to school and trips to carefully chosen regional locations. We will work closely with parents and carers to ensure that all Deepdale children grow to be sensible, well-informed individuals with an aptitude for financial security and an open-mindedness to potential careers.

*Why are we passionate about the wider curriculum?*

Our pupils are creative *and* inquisitive. The Arts allow us to further bring our curriculum to life and engage all learners. This avenue also enables our children to express themselves and further acknowledge one another's talents. Learning in Humanities excites children as they become intrepid fact-finders and appreciate how History has shaped the world in to what it is today. Science and Design Technology are hands-on; pupils develop their independent learning skills even further through experimentation and time to draw their own conclusions. Investment in quality resources also allows children to become confident when computing.

Our approach to teaching and learning ensures that in addition to providing wider curriculum experiences, we also revisit learning frequently in order for knowledge to be stored in the long-term memory. We all believe that the more that you know, the easier it is to learn new things and retrieve them in later life.

Through our planned work with external agencies alongside the wider curriculum, we are particularly able to further target children with more specific barriers to learning. Working creatively through the wider curriculum enables us to engage more fully with parents and carers, allowing them to share in the success of their children's work and wider experiences. Feedback from Deepdale children informs us that they learn best when lessons are taught alongside opportunities to investigate, explore and enjoy – so this is what we do!

*Why do we strive to be healthy?*

In a world where technological advances are a force to be reckoned with and fast food is available at every corner, we must ensure that Deepdale pupils have the required knowledge and understanding to become healthy, mindful individuals. We will continue to excel in our sporting prowess. Our curriculum offer will continue to ensure that children have access to extra-curricular activities that develop both their physical strength and self-esteem. The curriculum will tackle current affairs related to online safeguarding, emotional wellbeing and balanced diets in a variety of formats ranging from cookery to learning positive mindset techniques. Deepdale pupils will develop healthy habits that will enable them to make positive decisions within a community where challenges are present.

*Why do we love language?*

With a high proportion of children speaking English as an additional language, vocabulary is naturally high on the agenda at Deepdale Community Primary School. *Vocabulary can be seen everywhere!* We recognise that children enter school with language and communication concerns from a young age yet, they consistently build and build upon a rich vocabulary to be proud of. We support parents in helping to develop children's basic skills at home, through a close Parent Partnership that delivers workshops and access to local and national resources. The whole curriculum has a great emphasis on speaking and listening opportunities through cross-curricular reading and presentation skills. We provide additional support to those children who are New to English. Tier 2 words are identified across every subject strand.

**The 'Deepdale' curriculum stands for:**

<b>Depth</b>	<b>Effectiveness</b>	<b>Empathy</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Diversity</b>	<b>Ambition</b>	<b>Learning</b>	<b>Enjoyment</b>
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