



# Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School

## Our School Vision

Our vision is to flourish as a family-orientated school with a firm ethos of everyone working together. To continue to be recognised as a challenging, nurturing, high quality teaching and learning school, where every pupil will fulfil their individual potential. Everyone will be encouraged and inspired to achieve beyond their academic and personal best, ensuring we all are responsible and resilient citizens ready for 21st Century life.

We will continue to develop and increase community partnerships at school, local, national and international level.

We all look forward to further improvements in our unique outdoor environment where everyone wants to be.

## School Values

Our school PROMISE identifies the core values we want to instil in our children:

**P**olite and Caring, that's what we are.  
**R**espect and Kindness, takes us far.  
**O**pen and Honest, we don't tell lies  
**M**anners are important, everyone tries.  
**I**s in united, teamwork's the prize  
**S**trive to be the best we can be,  
**E**veryone aims high at EDMONDSLEY!

These values support the way in which all members of our school community can live and work together in a supportive way. They support our school aims.

## School Aims

At Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School, we aim to provide a high quality curriculum, underpinned by strong teaching and learning and aim to:

- Ensure that all pupils have access to the school curriculum and all school activities
- Help all pupils achieve to the best of their abilities
- Ensure that teaching staff are aware of and sensitive to the needs of all pupils, teaching pupils in a way that is appropriate to their needs.
- Allow pupils to gain in confidence and improve their self-esteem.
- To work in partnership with parents, pupils and relevant external agencies in order to provide for children's special educational needs and disabilities.
- To identify at the earliest opportunity, all children that need special consideration to support their needs (whether these are educational, social, physical or emotional).
- To make suitable provision for children with SEND to fully develop their abilities, interests and aptitudes and gain maximum access to the curriculum, promoting the highest levels of achievement.
- To promote self-worth and enthusiasm by encouraging independence at all age and ability levels.
- To give every child their entitlement to a sense of achievement.
- To regularly review our policy in order to achieve best practice.

## Appropriate Experiences from EYFS to Year 6

In order to shape our curriculum, deepen our children's knowledge and understanding and broaden children's vocabulary we will:

- Provide experiences both in and outside of school. This includes, providing a variety of enrichment opportunities such as visitors into school, visits to different places and residential stays
- provide opportunities for children to develop a sense of awe and wonder of the natural world. Children are encouraged to be ecologically aware and show respect for the environment and others. Opportunities are provided to embrace our Eco-schools culture.
- Provide a literacy rich environment; developing spoken English through good role models, developing vocabulary and developing a love of books and reading using a good quality reading materials, which also act as a stimulus or enhancement to learning experiences.
- create independent learners who are able to show curiosity and drive their own learning. Children will be equipped with the skills to manage their own risk and take responsibility for their actions.
- Maintain our Healthy School focus; including mental health and wellbeing of our school community and through outdoor learning as this forms the bases to all other learning within Early Years and beyond.
- Provide a variety of good role models for our children to develop their future aspiration and knowledge of the wide variety of career opportunities available to them
- Develop partnerships and collaborations within and beyond our local community
- Engage parents in the learning journey of their child; building relationships and developing positive views of education

## Curriculum Intent

EYFS Curriculum is designed enabling children to:

- respect and care for the world around them.
- Know and talk about the world beyond Edmondsley
- Experience a language rich environment
- Be independent learners
- Take care of themselves and others
- Meet the expectations as outlined in the EYFS framework
- Develop the expected skills for reading, writing and number
- Be prepared for learning beyond the Early Learning Goals and into Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 curriculum is designed:

- to provide a relevant, progressive and well-structured academic curriculum which enables children to develop and master a broad knowledge and wide range of skills in a language rich environment.
- to provide ambitious and challenging learning experiences indoors and outdoors which motivates and inspires all learners.
- to enable our children to be respectful and successful in terms of being able to find employment in the future, to maintain healthy, active lifestyles and to be moral citizens
- to promote good health and wellbeing
- to exploit our outdoor environment
- to work with our local community and wider world

## Curriculum Drivers

The following curriculum drivers underpin our school curriculum and allow us to deliver our school aims and values:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Enquiry
- Outdoor Environment
- Teamwork
- Local Community and wider world

### EYFS Curriculum

**PRIME AREAS:** Personal and Social Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development

**SPECIFIC AREAS:** Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Creative Development

### National Curriculum

**CORE:** English, Maths, Science, HSRE,

**FOUNDATION:** Geography, History, MFL, Music, PE, Art & Design, Design Technology, Computing & Digital Literacy

### Additional Curriculum Subjects

RE  
PSHCE

Our academic curriculum is structured providing for each key stage and year group:

- A clear list of what must be covered
- Progressive knowledge and skills which will shape children as, for example, scientists or historians
- Specific 'non-negotiable' expectations in the core areas of reading, writing and mathematics in recognition of our school context and the educational starting points of many of our children as lack of skills in these areas can impact upon future success.

## Curriculum Implementation

### Statutory Curriculum

Children in EYFS will receive:

- both child and adult led outdoor opportunities daily to experience the world around them.
- visits, visitors and real experiences where possible in addition to the enhancement of provision to reflect the wider world.
- a daily group story time and repeated reading of key texts.
- weekly planned circle time sessions with a personal, social and emotional focus.
- daily snack time to discuss healthy body and healthy mind.

Children in KS1 and KS2 will receive:

- Daily fluency teaching in Mathematics
- Daily phonics teaching in KS1
- Weekly spelling teaching in KS2 and KS1
- Weekly basic skills teaching of grammar and handwriting
- Daily English lessons of which one must focus on the teaching of reading skills.
- At least one weekly guided reading session (KS2)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• well-planned activities that promote learning in all areas of the EYFS to help children achieve the ELG and beyond.</li> <li>• progressive experiences and teaching sequences in order to develop reading writing and number skills</li> <li>• Daily maths teaching</li> <li>• 1 hour of timetabled physical development with other opportunities daily</li> </ul> <p>We work closely with families to gain an understanding of children's starting points and previous experiences. We use this knowledge to extend learning throughout their time in early years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Story time daily linked to topics and child interests</li> <li>• Daily Maths lessons, including problem-solving and reasoning.</li> <li>• One History/Geography lesson per week</li> <li>• Two PE lessons per week</li> <li>• One computing lesson per week</li> <li>• One RE lesson per week</li> <li>• One PSHCE lesson per week</li> <li>• One Art/D&amp;T lesson per week</li> <li>• One music lesson per week</li> <li>• One MFL lesson per week (KS2)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Whole Curriculum Dimension</b></p>	<p>Forest Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One half-termly unit of work within the school year</li> </ul> <p>Healthy Schools &amp; Wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One half-term unit of work of Relax Kids per year.</li> <li>• Annual celebration of anti-bullying work.</li> <li>• Annual celebration of internet safety work.</li> <li>• SRHE/Puberty discussion before the children leave school in Y6 - supported by the school nurse</li> <li>• Regular visits from the school nurse to promote good hygiene routines and healthy lifestyles for all children</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Wider Curriculum Experiences</b></p>	<p>Enrichment Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least one visitor into school and one visit out of school per term for each class e.g. Jet &amp; Ben, Beamish Museum, Theatre</li> <li>• Whole school focus weeks, including Take One Book, Easter Enterprise, World Book Week</li> <li>• At least one community event per term e.g. Harvest, coffee morning, stay and play, open afternoon, Brass Band.</li> <li>• EYFS children to have one 'explorer day' per half term - working outdoors/exploring their local area</li> <li>• EYFS to Y6 to use the outdoor space regularly to support their learning.</li> <li>• Partnership link with Tanzanian school.</li> </ul> <p>Leadership experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual election of School Council</li> <li>• Environment Club</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual application and training for School Sports Organising Crew</li> <li>• Annual application for School Travel Ambassadors</li> <li>• Annual application for Year 6 Reading Champions</li> <li>• Kings and Queens - collating castle team points.</li> <li>• Head Boy and Head Girl</li> </ul> <p>Sporting opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1 to Y6 to represent the school in at least three festival or intra-school competitions</li> <li>• Annual Sports Day events for EYFS and Y1 to Y6</li> <li>• KS2 representation at competition events and in school games leagues (football, tag rugby, netball)</li> </ul> <p>Life skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial education through enterprise events</li> <li>• Public speaking and confidence building through class assemblies, Harvest, Remembrance Day and Christmas performances and our Year 6 Leavers' Concert.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Important Curriculum Aspects</b></p>	<p>Timetabling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS1 and KS2 have timetables in place which reflect the core, foundation and additional subjects to be covered</li> <li>• Overt teaching of subject disciplines rather than 'topic' will be used</li> <li>• Timetables reflect specific 'story time' for all children at least three times per week in KS1 and KS2 and daily in EYFS</li> <li>• Timetables for Y1 reflect appropriate transition</li> </ul> <p>Language rich environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every class must have a book area/reading corner</li> <li>• Every class Y1 to Y6 must have a key author reflected in the reading area e.g. Michael Morpurgo but change the focus text each half term</li> <li>• EYFS focus text planned to link to topics and will include traditional tales, stories, non-fiction and poems/rhymes</li> <li>• EYFS to have dedicated 'rhyme time' planned daily with songs and rhymes linked to topics, number work, interests, movements etc</li> <li>• Timetabling reflects our focus on providing a Language and Literacy rich curriculum</li> </ul> <p>Mastery Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our children learn best through a 'little and often' approach and must be given sufficient time to master a skill or embed knowledge</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-negotiables for each year group in reading, writing and maths must be the focus of repetition to ensure children have a secure grasp of the subject</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tools for Curriculum Implementation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a continued focus on staff CPD to ensure high quality teaching and learning across curriculum subjects</li> <li>• There will continue to be a well-managed budget with Subject Resource Audits driving the budget allocation.</li> <li>• There will continue to be well-maintained and engaging spaces to learn in school</li> <li>• There will continue to be a culture of high expectation and challenge for all children.</li> <li>• There will continue to be well-structured Subject Action Plans, monitored with Governors, which drive improvements forward.</li> </ul>

**Curriculum Impact**

We will assess the impact that our curriculum has on our children by whether they have mastered the subject-specific knowledge defined in our long term plans in Key Stage 1 and 2 and if children have achieved Early Learning Goals at the end of Reception. We will use formative and summative assessments to aid in this.

We understand that knowledge builds over time and children will only demonstrate effective learning as a result of a positive change to their long term memory.

To continually drive improvements, the effectiveness of our school curriculum will be reviewed regularly.