Our curriculum statement

Rooted in our motto, ***Proud to Shine***, our curriculum enables every child to discover their strengths, celebrate their talents and develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to shine in their own unique way. We believe that every child deserves a rich, ambitious and inclusive education that equips them not only for academic success, but also for life beyond the classroom.

At the heart of our curriculum is a rich and enabling **Early Years** experience. Nursery and Reception provide the fundamental building blocks for future learning, nurturing children's communication, independence, creativity and curiosity so that they are ready to flourish at every stage of their education. These early foundations support children in becoming confident learners who are prepared to embrace new challenges and opportunities.

A cornerstone of our curriculum is a commitment to **reading**, which we prioritise because it is the key to all learning. Reading gives every child a voice, a choice and the foundation for a successful future. By developing confident, fluent readers, we enable children to access the wider curriculum, broaden their understanding of the world and become lifelong learners.

Our curriculum is carefully designed around the acquisition of **substantive knowledge** (what children know), **disciplinary skills** (how children think and work as historians, scientists, geographers, artists and designers) and a series of **golden threads** that run throughout our curriculum offer. These threads help children make meaningful connections within and across subjects, building a secure understanding of key concepts over time and ensuring learning is coherent, purposeful and memorable.

To support this vision and ensure high-quality teaching and progression, we use carefully selected, research-informed curriculum programmes across the school. **Grammarsaurus** provides the foundation for English, including reading, writing, spelling, morphology and the Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar (PVPG), as well as Science, History, Geography, Art and Design, and Design Technology. **Jigsaw** supports our PSHE and Relationships Education curriculum, helping children to understand themselves, their relationships and their place within the wider world. **Val Sabin** underpins Physical Education, developing competence, confidence and enjoyment in physical activity, while **Charanga** provides a progressive and inclusive

Music curriculum. Computing is taught through the **National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE)** programme, equipping children with essential digital knowledge and skills, and in Key Stage 2, children learn French through the **Primary Languages Network**, fostering language acquisition and an appreciation of other cultures.

Beyond the National Curriculum, we are committed to providing a wealth of enriching experiences that prepare children for life beyond education. Through our focus on **Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development** and a programme of **guaranteed cultural capital opportunities**, we help children become confident, well-rounded citizens who are ready to make a positive contribution to society. These opportunities include:

- Representing the school in a sporting event during every year within Key Stage 2.
- Forest School experiences.
- Outdoor and adventurous activities for all children in Year 5.
- Visits to places of worship, including churches, gurdwaras and mosques, and opportunities to meet religious leaders.
- Learning to play a range of musical instruments, including the glockenspiel, recorder and ukulele.
- Essential life-skills education, including fire safety, water safety, pedestrian training, first aid, Bikeability and Crucial Crew.
- Residential visits in Years 4 and 6.
- And many more carefully planned experiences throughout each child's journey.

Together, these experiences and curriculum approaches ensure that every child receives a **broad, balanced and enriching education** that nurtures academic achievement, personal development and a lifelong love of learning. Through our **Proud to Shine** curriculum, we empower children to develop the knowledge, character and aspirations they need to thrive, succeed and shine both in school and beyond.