

## Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum has been redeveloped in line with the 2014 National curriculum. We believe strongly in the importance of real life experiences for our children as a stimulus and purpose for learning. We plan for at least one of these to happen per half term, they may include visits to places outside of the academy, visitors within the academy and special events during the academy year. For example, some of these events recently have included:

- A poet working with the children in school for two days
- Visits to the local cinema and RSPB bird sanctuary.
- An archaeology day investigating artefacts found during the repairs to the school roof and commemorating the school's 60th anniversary.
- Letters and applications written by children to apply for jobs within school.
- Rearing chicks from the egg with an incubator in school.
- A visit from 'Beastly Science' with a range of interesting creatures.

Many of these events are outside of our general curriculum plan and teachers ensure that quality writing and maths activities arise from these.

Our general curriculum plan at present works on a 2 year and 4 year rolling programme for foundation subjects because KS1 and KS2 study the same topics across the key stage.

During the last academic year the KS1 topics were:

- [img-right]The earth and I
- Festivals
- Space
- Transport
- Super Heroes
- The Olympics

The KS2 topics were:

- The great outdoors - weather and mountains
- Magic - science and wonder
- Ancient Greeks
- Brazil
- The world cup

We also teach a PSHE programme based around SEAL and healthy schools materials, an RE programme in line with the local syllabus and French to all of KS2.

The changes to our curriculum include adaptations in line with the new National curriculum from September 2014 and a greater focus on the development of skills for learning.