



St James the Less RC Primary School

Curriculum Statement

At St James the Less, our curriculum is rooted in our mission statement which demands a safe learning environment, excellent and inspirational teaching, self-belief, success and respect for diversity.

We have planned our ambitious curriculum with the intention of promoting learning and the personal development for all children. Our curriculum provides opportunities for children to develop as independent, resilient and confident learners, with high aspirations, who know how to make a positive contribution to their community and wider society. Our broad and balanced curriculum is underpinned by the National Curriculum and has been designed and adapted to meet the needs of all our children and give them the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.

The curriculum has been designed to ensure that academic success, as well as physical development, well-being and mental wellness are key elements that support the development of the whole child and promote a positive attitude to learning. It provides meaningful opportunities to promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and prepare children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life including the next stage of their education.

Our aim is to deliver a dynamic and innovative curriculum that challenges, excites and inspires children to achieve their best. We are committed to providing a personalised curriculum with the individual child at the heart of everything we do. Learning is carefully sequenced so that new knowledge and skills build on what has been taught and understood before. It recognises that children will be at different stages of their learning journey and ensures that curriculum planning is tailored to individual needs to achieve the best possible outcome for all.

We aim to extend and deepen essential knowledge, skills and understanding through our curriculum design. We plan and organise our curriculum to ensure that children are not merely covering curriculum content but are achieving a depth to their learning which enables them to apply their skills and understanding across a range of contexts and subjects.

At James the Less RC Primary School, children develop a strong sense of moral purpose in addition to a respect and understanding of people who have different characteristics to themselves, whether that be age, disability, gender, race or sexuality. A rigorous, well-planned curriculum, delivered by excellent staff in an ethos of care, love and support enables our pupils to be well rounded, empathetic young people who have a thirst for learning and respect for all around them.

