



St Ives Primary and Nursery School

Curriculum Statement

At St Ives Primary and Nursery School our aim is to develop and inspire our children into the scientists, historians, geographers and artists of the future with our carefully thought out content and ambitious curriculum design. We understand it is vital for every child to succeed academically, but that they also need to develop well personally and socially if they are going to lead fulfilled and happy professional and personal lives.

At St Ives Primary and Nursery School our definition of learning is children remembering more in the long term. We design, organise and plan our curriculum and teaching to ensure that children are not merely covering national curriculum content, but achieving a depth to their learning which enables them to use their knowledge skills and understanding in all areas of the curriculum.

Our careful curriculum design and planning means that we build in many opportunities for children to repeat and practice opportunities for essential knowledge, skills and understanding in every subject. This ensures that children are able to revisit and retrieve previous learning, which allows them to a deeper understanding of the key knowledge skills and processes within subjects.

At St Ives Primary and Nursery school we understand our school context and the benefits and issues this creates for the children in our care. Careful analysis and discussion about our pupils' backgrounds, life experiences and culture has helped us to design a curriculum which celebrates their strengths whilst helping them to overcome the potential barriers to learning. We believe that by focusing on the following key priorities; motivation, 'availability to learn', resilience to keep going, personal and emotional needs and high aspirations, our children will be ready to successfully meet the challenges of the next stage of their education and their lives.

We have designed and planned our curriculum to offer a range of experiences which contribute to every child receiving a full, rich and broad curriculum. We do not narrow the curriculum at St Ives Primary and Nursery School because we believe that every child is entitled to experience artistic and physical pleasures the range of curriculum subjects provide.

Highly skilled subject leaders have designed progressive curriculum maps which ensure children gain the key knowledge and skills in every subject. Our knowledgeable and skilful teachers ensure that every child is included in all subjects by ensuring their needs are met in the classroom.

The range of experiences we offer support our children academically, but also ensures that their spiritual, moral, social and cultural needs are met. We are incredibly proud of our curriculum and the experiences we provide children who in turn demonstrate how they are deeply proud of our school, their British values and diverse society to which we belong and play an active part. We are proud that our curriculum gives our children the knowledge, skills, confidence and self-belief to lead a happy and fulfilled life by encouraging them to always aim high and work towards following their hopes and dreams in life.

We have designed, organised and timetabled our curriculum to ensure every child receives an appropriate mix of academic and personal development which means that in practice our curriculum places equal importance on core and foundation subjects.