

North Heath Community Primary School

Subject Intent Statements

English

English has a high priority at North Heath Community Primary School. We believe that the progressive English skills taught facilitate pupils to succeed in other areas of the curriculum, thus allowing them to achieve their full potential in school and beyond. As well as this, we aim to inspire every child to think for themselves as a reader, a communicator and a writer and to have a positive attitude towards books, speech and the written word. All pupils have access to the English curriculum and learning opportunities are matched to ability and need, allowing for equal opportunities for all pupils.

Speaking and Listening

As speaking and listening skills underpin so much of the curriculum, it is our aim to develop pupils who can listen and respond appropriately. We encourage pupils to: speak audibly at all times; take part in discussions and learn how to build on from points made by others; and ask questions to deepen their learning.

Reading

Our aim is to inspire every child to develop a love of reading and become confident, fluent and independent readers, for both pleasure and information. In doing so, we immerse our pupils in a wide range of texts across the curriculum. We wish to create an environment where book-talk is at the heart of conversations, allowing pupils to share and enjoy their love of reading.

Writing

Our aim is to develop pupils into independent writers who achieve pleasure from their own creations. We encourage pupils to become effective communicators who respond to their audience and write for different purposes. We strive to immerse our pupils in high-quality texts to develop a broad and varied range of vocabulary that they can use in their written work.

Mathematics

At North Heath Community Primary School, we intend to promote pupils' enjoyment of mathematics through our curriculum and aim to deliver mathematics teaching, which encourages and inspires. Through precise teaching, the mathematical potential of all pupils is developed to ensure they are confident, competent and high-achieving mathematicians in school and beyond. Coherently planned provision, including a wide range of practical, verbal and written experiences, should develop the skills and

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attitudes necessary to apply their mathematical communication, fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills to the wider world.

Science

Science teaching and learning at North Heath aims to develop and inspire the natural curiosity and interest of our pupils. All pupils have the opportunity to experience the essential aspects of the knowledge, processes, methods and application of science across the fields of biology, chemistry and physics. Through first-hand scientific enquiry, the pupils develop and use a range of skills including observation, planning and investigating whilst being encouraged to question the world around them. Employing cross-curricular links enables pupils to draw on prior knowledge and apply their understanding using a range of different approaches. In an increasingly scientific and technological world, we aim to equip our pupils with the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding in order to succeed.

Early Years Foundation Stage

At North Heath Primary School children's natural curiosity is harnessed in the Foundation Stage to encourage independent and confident learners. Our safe, happy and stimulating learning environment allows us to build upon pupils' knowledge and skills across the curriculum. Through engaging and enjoyable learning opportunities we promote a love for learning and support pupils in reaching their full potential.

Computing

In our school, we believe in providing an exciting, rich, relevant and challenging computing curriculum for all pupils. Our teaching and learning aims to develop pupils who are confident and competent within a world that is heavily shaped by technology. Our curriculum delivers opportunities to experience digital systems and programming. Computing also ensures that pupils become digitally literate – able to express themselves safely and develop their ideas through information and communication technology – at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world. Our pupils become responsible, respectful and competent users of data, information and communication technology.

History

History at North Heath is a powerful subject in the curriculum as it is one of the main drivers of the school's learning journeys.

In teaching History, we aim to:

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- inspire a curiosity to know about the past
- teach pupils enquiry skills to become 'detectives' who explore history
- develop an appreciation of our country's rich heritage and the wider world
- encourage pupils to be open minded and become enquiring thinkers who can compare, contrast and develop an understanding of cause and effect
- question how people have lived in the past, to examine how and why things have changed and their influence on the present

Geography

At North Heath Community Primary School, we intend to promote pupils' enjoyment of geography through our curriculum and aim to deliver geography teaching which encourages and inspires. The teaching and learning of geography is stimulating, motivating and practical. We intend for pupils to develop an understanding of the human and natural world which enables them to recognise and evaluate the impact of local, national and global issues. The knowledge and skills pupils develop will help them to make sense of their immediate surroundings and the wider world.

Physical Education

At North Heath, we aim to inspire all children to develop and explore physical skills in a broad and balanced PE curriculum. Positive attitudes towards regular physical activity and sport are promoted as an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Our progressive curriculum exposes children to a diverse range of sports to teach them control and co-ordination and how physical exercise affects their body. By providing opportunities in competitive events, we aim to foster both an enjoyment of the subject and embed the values of fairness and respect in all children. We view PE as a key subject to develop children's understanding of how to evaluate their own success and promote positive mental and physical well-being.

Religious Education

At North Heath, Religious Education contributes to the curriculum by promoting spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Teaching and learning aims to ensure that all pupils: know about and understand a range of religions and worldviews; express ideas and insights about the nature, significance and impact of religions and worldviews; gain and deploy the skills needed to engage purposefully with religions and worldviews. In following the West Sussex agreed syllabus, our pupils not

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only evaluate and articulate their own beliefs, but can interact respectfully within our community.

Modern Foreign Language

At North Heath Community Primary School, we intend to promote pupils' enjoyment of modern foreign languages through our French curriculum and aim to deliver language teaching which encourages and inspires. Pupils are encouraged to understand the value of learning a foreign language and to develop their understanding of the range of languages spoken around the world. Our intention is for children to have the confidence in their linguistic skills and the curiosity about other cultures, to continue as life-long learners of languages.

Music

At North Heath Community Primary School, we intend to promote pupils' enjoyment of music through our curriculum and aim to deliver music teaching, which encourages and inspires. Through music, we seek to ensure that all pupils: are encouraged to regard music and singing as enjoyable and rewarding by developing confidence in performing; have opportunities to reflect on music and songs across a range of historical periods, genres and cultures and are supported to develop the interrelated skills of performing, composing and appreciating music.

Art and Design

At North Heath Community Primary School we aim to inspire pupils' curiosity and imagination. Through exploring, experimenting and investigating with different techniques and media, pupils will develop their self-expression, creativity and understanding of art. We aim to provide a wide range of opportunities where children can work creatively to produce high quality work, appreciate the work of famous artists, develop their own ideas and share their experiences.