



Curriculum Principles

Our Vision

“To be our best.”

Mission

Our mission is to prepare all our children for the next stage of their lives to enable them to contribute positively to their community.

Values

Our core values are:

Respect – Considering others feelings, rights and wishes.

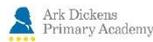
Aspiration – Believing we can achieve excellence and committing to achieving our goals

Resilience – Preserving and not giving up

Community – Finding opportunities to connect with people and make a difference to society

Unity – Working together as a team and understand all individuals make the team stronger

Kindness - We show kindness by caring for everyone and keeping them safe.





Ark Dickens Primary Academy

Underpinning everything we do at Ark Dickens is the idea of maximising learning opportunities and creating a love of learning. Our curriculum offers high pupil standards, high equity and high enjoyment. We aim to offer all pupils a great education through an inclusive curriculum and look to overcome all barriers that prevent pupils from succeeding and develop confident individuals that take their rightful place in society.

We will take autonomy for our school curriculum and for the way we plan for and deliver the National Curriculum. Our school curriculum will be enriched by the wide variety of trips, experiences and after-school clubs on offer. We will complement lessons using technology, mathematical equipment, and a range of texts in English. There will be no ceiling set for the performance of any pupil. So, we will set ambitious, aspirational targets for the continual improvement of all learners. We will always look for suitable and appropriate opportunities to stretch and challenge every pupil. We believe in assisting pupils to develop deep, secure understanding. We will therefore allow them to study at a pace that enables the formulation of a robust understanding of central ideas; key concepts; key bodies of knowledge; and fundamental skills. Our curriculum will be broad and balanced. We will not allow English and mathematics to dominate the school timetable and the learning time that is available. There will be days when no English or mathematics is directly taught. We will, however, continually look for meaningful opportunities for pupils to apply the skills and knowledge they have learnt in English and mathematics in other subject areas. Teachers will show flexibility when planning the next learning activities or units. They will not follow a year sequence slavishly, but instead choose what to teach next based on their accurate assessments of what pupils can do.

Reading is at the heart of the Ark Dickens curriculum, and we will continually support and promote pupils to read widely. All pupils at our school will be supported to become highly articulate. The development of mature speaking and listening skills will be given a high priority. Pupils will be taught to speak clearly, precisely, and audibly, using sophisticated and expressive vocabulary. In our view a fit body and a fit mind are interlinked. So, we will ensure pupils have a wide range of opportunities to engage in sport and physical education

Our curriculum is built upon our school values: respect, aspiration, resilience, community, unity and kindness. The Ark Dickens curriculum aims to enable pupils to:

- Value and understand the importance of their ongoing education.
- Become confident, positive learners who make effective progress and achieve their potential.
- Develop a deeper understanding of the world around them and their place within it, both locally and globally.
- Understand how to live a safe, healthy and happy life.

We do this by ensuring:

- Learning is purposefully planned to build upon prior learning and develop deeper understanding from EYFS to year 6.
- Clear progression documents (based on the National Curriculum) account for how the curriculum is both spiral and interleaved: supporting prior knowledge, key objectives, key vocabulary and key themes.

Our curriculum:

- Promotes ambitious, aspirational high standards in Reading, Writing and Maths – readying children for their next stage of education.
- Exposes children to a diverse range of quality texts and a love of reading, across the curriculum.



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- Is broad, balanced and well-structured; with sequenced learning that ensures progress in each subject.
- Provides children with a sense of wellbeing and pride in all that they achieve.
- Offers a broad range of enrichment opportunities to further support the development of cultural capital.
- Supports children in contributing to the wider society and develops responsible citizens