

Teaching and Learning at North

At North Primary School and Nursery we provide an exciting, stimulating and well-ordered environment where all children and adults can embark on a learning journey together. Relationships and routines are established that build trust, confidence and self-esteem. Individuality and difference are recognised and celebrated and guaranteed by developing an understanding in all children of every person's responsibility in safeguarding everyone's rights.

This is how we aim to enable every child to become confident, inquisitive and active learners, whatever their strengths and weaknesses, who are willing to take increasing responsibility for themselves and their learning,

We relish the challenge of matching our teaching to the learning styles of all the children and in providing a curriculum full of opportunities to extend skills and knowledge by enabling the children to apply what has been learned in a variety of contexts.

This is how every child will develop an awareness of their role in the school and local community. By celebrating the contribution they make now, we prepare the children for, and promote a desire to, play their part in shaping the wider community in the future.

Through this approach we have three aims for every child:

1. For all our children to be proficient in their **Basic Skills**. By Basic Skills, we mean the ability to read, write and speak in English and to use mathematics and ICT at a level necessary to function and progress at work and in society in general.
2. For all our children to become **Intelligent Citizens**
An intelligent citizen...
 - *Can articulate own beliefs and opinions
 - *Can represent the beliefs and opinions of others
 - *Can empathise with others beliefs and opinions
 - *Will wish to be engaged in actions that benefit all
 - *Cares about the group as well as the individual
 - *Makes informed decisions that consider risk to self and welfare of others
 - *Makes informed decisions that consider respect and responsibility for the environment
3. For children to have the opportunity to find and develop an interest and talent in the foundation subjects; to be given the time to apply key skills across all subjects; to leave the school with an understanding of what makes each subject distinct.

Our aims can be achieved by designing our curriculum and its teaching to promote **Thinking Skills** and **Building Learning Power**.