



Relevance at Barnfields Primary School

The curriculum at Barnfields is relevant and responsive to the age in which we live, educating for life. Our curriculum provides the children with meaningful experiences, engendering significant and purposeful learning opportunities. They learn skills that they can develop as they mature, whilst at the same time understanding the key age-appropriate knowledge from every subject within the National Curriculum. We believe that PSHE is vital for pupils to learn how to keep safe and healthy in an ever-changing world. Our progressive PSHE curriculum is relevant to the lives that children live today and prepares them for the future. Wider global issues are also studied (especially in KS2) in order to prepare children with the skills and understanding needed for later life. Children leave Barnfields with a well-rounded education that equips them with the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to be active citizens who can contribute positively to society in the 21st century.

EYFS

As soon as children enter Barnfields Primary School, they access a broad and balanced curriculum that allows them to **find their own strengths and areas of interest**. Staff understand that children develop rapidly during the early years – physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. As a result, we **provide relevant learning and development opportunities** and set realistic and challenging expectations that meet the diverse needs of all of the children. **Promoting literacy is paramount** as children develop their ability to understand words, use their imagination and improve their communication.

KS1

As children enter KS1, they continue to access an age-related curriculum and are constantly challenged to ensure they recognise their full potential. They are exposed to an **increasing amount of knowledge across all subjects**. This is prioritised to ensure that there is a good foundational understanding of different concepts. Learning environments are carefully considered and managed, allowing for all children to continue to **develop academically, physically and mentally**. The curriculum is **responsive to the needs of the children** as activities are delivered in-line with their physical and emotional development. Children explore, experiment, plan and make decisions for themselves.

LKS2

During KS2, children use their existing knowledge and understanding to ascertain more, **making links with prior learning** across all subject areas. Topics continue to be carefully planned, ensuring that subjects are taught in a way that **relates to children's lives and experience now and in the future**. In Yr4, they study a 'current affair' topic that enables them to examine the impact that technological advances have had on individuals, societies and the world. Children continue to engage in spiritual, moral, social and cultural development education, ensuring that they are **ready and prepared for their next stage of their education journey**.

UKS2

As children progress into upper KS2, they develop a **better understanding of themselves**, the people around them, where they live, the local area and **their place within the wider world**. They **make connections between the knowledge** that they have ascertained throughout their time at the school, building an increasingly vast schema which supports them in **making sense of the world**. In both year groups, they study a 'current affair' topic - something that is relatable and will impact upon their lives in the future. When children leave Barnfields at the end of KS2, they are better prepared to **live full active lives as part of their community and into adulthood**.