



**Ivington C of E
Primary and
Pre-school**

*Reaching together with the Fruit of the
Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)*

Curriculum Drivers Statement

Linking with our Vision – Reaching together with the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) To provide a caring, Christian ethos for the school, which inspires and excites a shared enthusiasm for life and learning.

At Ivington CE Primary and Pre-school, through our strong Christian ethos and focus on nine important Christian values, we are committed to providing a deeply nourishing, spiritual, ambitious and broad curriculum.

Curriculum Drivers

In order to achieve our Curriculum Aims, we have identified five “Curriculum Drivers” that are reflected through all topics and themes. Teachers’ planning ensures that these drivers run coherently across the school and through every subject. Our Curriculum Drivers relate to the needs of our school, our pupils and our community.

Our five Curriculum Drivers are:

- Our Place in Our World
- Language & Oracy
- Healthy Body, Healthy Mind
- Enrichment
- High Aspirations

Our Place in Our World

We want our pupils to grow up with a secure understanding of the local community, our national context and the wider world. Through a growing appreciation of different cultures and traditions, we want our children to develop respect; we want them to embrace and celebrate diversity and know what it takes to be a good citizen. We also want our pupils to have an awareness of global issues and to take responsibility for the environment. Our curriculum helps our pupils to improve their understanding of how the world works as well as developing their morality whilst appreciating the importance of their role in taking care of our planet. Through links with local and national organisations, including businesses, cultural organisations and faith groups, we want our children to broaden their horizons and have experiences they may otherwise not have. We recognise that trips and visiting speakers significantly enhance this aspect of the curriculum.

Language and Oracy

Communication skills are vital for both success and confidence in many areas of life and therefore we want our pupils to develop the ability to express themselves clearly and effectively. We recognise that both listening and speaking are important when communicating and opportunities to practise and develop these skills are provided. We want our pupils to be able to offer their opinions and reason articulately whilst also being able to debate a topic or viewpoint and disagree respectfully.

We know that having a broad vocabulary aids both understanding of language and self-expression. Therefore, our curriculum is language-rich, involves the use of high quality texts, promotes an inquisitive approach to language and provides opportunities to practise new vocabulary. We also recognise the importance of being able to express emotions verbally. In all areas of their lives, we want our pupils to have the skills necessary to have a voice.

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

We recognise the importance of promoting healthy lifestyles in school and want our pupils to develop an increasing understanding of the many different factors that contribute to keeping healthy. Our curriculum provides opportunities for our pupils to learn about their physical health, what constitutes a balanced diet and about how exercise benefits the body. In addition, we want our pupils to have a developing understanding of how to maintain good mental health. Our curriculum, therefore, teaches an understanding of emotions, promotes resilience and encourages an open approach to discussing worries or concerns.

Our curriculum also includes opportunities for our pupils to learn how to keep themselves safe in all areas of life. An important element of this includes safety on-line and when communicating using technology.

Enrichment

Enrichment opportunities are provided for our children as we firmly believe that these opportunities have a number of benefits, both academically and personally by broadening their life experiences. We believe that enrichment can help to raise academic standards, enhance performance and teach life skills that will equip our pupils for an ever-changing world.

It gives our children the chance to participate in activities that supplement learning and enable them to broaden their skills and experiences, identify talent and enhance it.

High aspirations

Ambition is the hope, desire and aspiration to strive to achieve something; to be the best they can possibly be and to challenge themselves as a learner. The driver of ambition encourages children to produce work of high quality, take pride in themselves and be the very best that they can be.

We also ensure that our curriculum is aspirational; we want to ensure that everything that the children are learning, and being exposed to, is the 'best of the best'. This will help inspire and empower our children to go on to be the best they can be and with ambitious targets for what they can achieve in life.