



Eardisley CE Primary School

Curriculum Statement 2017

At Eardisley CE Primary School, we want our children to experience the best of everything through the ethos, environment and curriculum that we provide.

Traditional Christian Values

Eardisley CE Primary School is a Christian values-based school and these values underpin all that we do. This approach enables children to discuss, explore and reflect upon those values we live by which make us thoughtful, caring and responsible citizens. Families appreciate the consistent values we create through working closely with the church and the community. Through following the example of Jesus, we learn to value ourselves, each other, the world and God. We help children to appreciate life 'in all its fulness'. To do this we explore each Christian value - such as friendship, joy, determination, understanding and forgiveness - month by month during our assemblies and lessons. Through this our children develop an understanding of themselves. Our Christian values-based approach encourages commitment, effort and high standards in all that we do. These virtues are reflected in all that Eardisley CE Primary School stands for. They have been translated by the School Council to form our school value statement – for living and learning:

“In all that we do, our values shine through.”

A Rich and Vibrant Curriculum

Our commitment to a rich and vibrant curriculum at Eardisley CE Primary School is central to our values and pedagogical approach. We believe that it is the entitlement of every child to experience a diverse and wider ranging diet of high quality experiences. Throughout children's education at Eardisley CE Primary School there is an emphasis on academic success combined with the development of rich personal and inter-personal and spiritual skills. We strive for every child to reach his or her full potential as well as discover and develop their unique talents. We hope that every day will be for them a journey of discovery, providing exciting challenges as well as the thrill of success.

Our Christian mission therefore is to help children love learning, and to help them learn well. Teachers make lessons fun and interesting. In all our classes, we follow the National Curriculum and are able to go beyond the minimum requirements to ensure children are able to engage with ideas in depth. We use Philosophy for Children to kindle thinking, critical and debating skills. Our children are also privileged to take part in Pupils2Parliament which means they debate and voice opinions that are shared at cross-parliamentary level. We adopt an imaginative and flexible approach so that individual children are given the opportunity to develop their own strengths and passions in particular areas. RE, Music and PE are special strengths of the school and are taught by specialists.

Our aim is that high quality teaching and learning in English, Maths, Science and RE is complemented by high quality teaching and learning in all other disciplines. Through this, we hope to instil in our children a life-long affection and enthusiasm for learning in all its forms as well as a cultural literacy that will enable them to derive the most from their experiences. This ensures our on-going commitment to high quality provision and guarantees the place of the arts in their contribution to school improvement.

Cross-Curricular

- At Eardisley we understand that subjects deserve to be taught fully in their own right but that subjects naturally interlink and are strengthened in meaning and purpose when these links are made explicit. We take and make opportunities to develop children's reasoning, enquiry, IT and problem-solving skills and their creativity in this way.

Project work

Topic and project work is brought to life with visits, visiting speakers and artefacts. Therefore, when

studying the Victorians, children dress up in role, experience a street fair and a day at Victorian school, all with the help from our feeder high school history department staff. When exploring the Stone Age, pupils visited a Stone Age burial site, recreated a Stone Henge in the outdoor sand pit and attended a lecture given by our eminent county archaeologist who gave a valuable insight into a local and prominent stone age discovery.

The Creative Arts

Music

Our school provides rich opportunities for composing and performing. All the children are taught music by specialist teachers. Lower Key Stage 2 children all learn to play a musical instrument, including wind, string and brass, while all children in Year 2 learn to play the violin. Visiting instrumental teachers offer individual lessons to our children on a wide variety of instruments. Many children are part of our School Choir and have regular opportunities to perform.

Art

At Eardisley CE Primary School we're very proud of our provision for the arts. We run a unique curriculum that introduces children to the whole panoply of artforms, including drawing, painting, textiles, sculpture and colour. Children get to 'meet' some of the great artists, like Monet, Klimt and William Morris and to develop and perfect their skills. We are the only school to enter the Herefordshire h.Art events.

Drama

The school enjoys a strong reputation for the performing arts. Our children are involved in a range of dance and drama lessons. Throughout the year, every child takes part in assembly presentations, recitals, competitions and school plays performed in the church or on stage at Eardisley's Little Theatre. The oldest children also have the unique experience of Public Speaking tuition. Children in Key Stage 2 regularly have the opportunity to work with experienced actors from the Herefordshire County Theatre on a Shakespeare play.

PE and Sport

Our children have outstanding opportunities to develop their full potential in PE. We have superb facilities which include playing fields, sports hall and access to the local tennis courts. The regular programme, often taught by specialists, includes football, rugby, rounders, cricket, tennis, athletics, swimming, gymnastics and dance.

Free extra-curricular clubs are offered throughout the school year in a wide range of sports. Residential trips to activity centres offer the opportunity for extended adventurous sporting activities. All our children enjoy regular fixtures with other schools and take part in local tournaments.

Outdoor Learning

At Eardisley CE Primary School we are passionate about inspiring a love of learning through use of the outdoor environment. Children have opportunities to take part in planned Forest School activities as well as a range of activities related specifically to the curriculum. Outdoor learning is planned within and across subjects including mathematics, English and science to enhance and develop children's understanding of concepts. This ensures continuity and progression as well as a range of purposeful experiences. We actively build partnerships with the wider arts community, thereby benefiting from specialist teaching for Forest Schools.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our children enjoy a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Our after-school clubs are run by members of staff, parents and external experts. Art, cookery, computing and nature are just a few of over 20 clubs offered.

Our school is unique in the county for its affiliation with The Children's University. Children can collect 'stamps' for participation in clubs and activities outside the school day, leading to Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. The graduation ceremony is something to behold!

We also ensure our children have numerous opportunities to take part in local and national events.

These have included entering a garden at the famous Malvern Show, performing Shakespeare at The Courtyard Theatre in Hereford and participating in a bespoke Pupil Values' Conference at Worcester University. We run educational visits to places of interest for every class throughout the year. Key Stage 2 children love their residential visits and remember them for many years to come.

"It's like a second home for my child." Parent

Please read this alongside our Curriculum Policy, individual subject policies, outdoor learning Policy Collective Worship and Values Education Policy

