

ST. ANNE LINE CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

APPROACH TO LEARNING



The Curriculum Intent

The staff and governors at St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School have a commitment to provide a broad, balanced and inspiring curriculum which nurtures excellence and enjoyment; seeking to develop learners' capacity for creative thinking and their ability to solve problems.

Having the vision of 'Christ at the Centre', developing our children through the promotion of their Personal, social and emotional growth, is at the heart of all learning as well as placing a strong commitment to the core skills of speaking and listening, reading, writing, mathematics, scientific understanding and Religious Education. At St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School, we support children's spiritual needs in our nurturing environment that promotes our school ethos and values: With Jesus, through the St. Anne Line Way, We Love, We Learn, We Share, We Pray, Together we grow Our School each day. In our school we live out these values every day, alongside the British Values to enable our pupils to make informed choices and become respectful individuals.

Our children are given opportunities to access learning activities using a range of information technologies and to celebrate special events with parents/carers and the wider community.

Our 'Inspire' Curriculum is delivered through cross curricular topics to make the learning fun, purposeful and engaging for children and the staff delivering it. There are exciting themes which are mainly driven by the wider curriculum content. The development of our thematic curriculum has a real impact on our school environment and the feedback from children, staff, parents, governors and Ofsted has been very positive.

We encourage all teachers to provide meaningful, high level learning activities which maintain high expectations, meet the needs of all the children, address a range of learning pedagogy and use engaging themes through which cross-curricular links can be appropriately exploited.

The learning opportunities offered at St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School are further enhanced by specialist teaching for PE and a wide range of additional and extra-curricular activities such as trips and visits to places of interests, residential school journeys, after school and lunchtime clubs and strong links with the community and local schools.

The introduction of New National Curriculum 2014 is one of the most dramatic changes in the education system for years. At St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School, we have embraced the change and viewed it as an opportunity to look at how we deliver the National Curriculum. We reviewed many possible strategies to implement the curriculum and decided to look at published resources to provide a content and coverage structure on which our staff can build upon. We reviewed a variety of materials and decided that the 'Inspire Curriculum' met our requirements.

We reviewed a variety of available resources and decided that the 'Inspire Curriculum' was the best for St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School because:

- Children will receive a broad, balanced and inspiring curriculum through a thematic approach which adds purpose for learning.
- Ofsted inspectors were on the writing team.
- Outstanding Teachers were part of the team writing the themed Units.
- The structure provides clear learning objectives and success criteria for all lessons allowing staff to have more time to discuss how to deliver the learning in the most appropriate way.
- Each unit features links to the world of work, suggestions for outside learning opportunities and how to enrich the learning through visits or resources outside school.

At St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School we want all children to be able to reach their own individual potential and build upon their strengths, helping them to understand that we believe they can achieve and succeed in their education through cross-curricular opportunities and experiences to spark exciting learning that will encompass all areas of the curriculum.

You can access information about our curriculum using the tabs on our School Website. The Year Group Topics show the work that the children will cover in each year group across the school, and the sequencing of key skills that the children will be learning can be seen in each of the individual wider curriculum subject overviews.