

# ST. ANNE LINE CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL'S 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 ambitious 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 unique 'SAL Jnr School Enrich Curriculum' is an ambitious curriculum which is delivered through cross curricular topics to make the learning fun, purposeful, and engaging not only for the children, but also the staff delivering it. The selected topics each term have a historical context, linked with Screen to Page to support English, and the wider curriculum skills reflect real, and meaningful progression through Key Stage Two. The development of our thematic style curriculum in the past has had a real impact on our pupils' learning journey and the feedback from children, staff, parents, governors, and Ofsted has been very positive, but now, Our unique 'SAL Jnr School Enrich Curriculum' looks to aspire in moving our school forward and reflect its diverse culture.

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 cross-curricular links which can be appropriately exploited.

The learning opportunities offered at St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School are further enhanced by the introduction of Latin being taught

across all four year groups, specialist teaching for Music and PE, and a wide range of additional and extra-curricular activities such as trips and visits to places of interest, residential school trips, after school and lunchtime clubs, and strong links with the community and local schools.

The introduction of revised National Curriculum in 2014 was one of the most dramatic changes in the education system for years, and at St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School, we embraced the change and viewed it as an opportunity to look at how we can deliver it in an inspiring and ambitious way. We reviewed possible strategies to implement the curriculum, including published resources which we have used in the past, but we wanted to take real ownership of our curriculum, keeping OUR pupils central, as well as provide a content and coverage structure on which our staff can, reflect, adapt, and build upon - The unique SAL Jnr School Enrich Curriculum was created!

The unique SAL Jnr School Enrich Curriculum offers:

- A broad, balanced and inspiring curriculum through a thematic approach which adds purpose for learning.
- A curriculum which keeps our diverse culture central.
- The curriculum journey provides clear skills progression, 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 highlights 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 more 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 overview.