



## The Curriculum at Berwick Hills Primary

At Berwick Hills Primary we teach the *Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum* and the *National Curriculum* in KS1 and KS2 through a topic-based approach.

Our curriculum is broad, balanced, engaging-and exciting! It provides children with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to develop into well-rounded, informed, confident, caring, healthy individuals prepared for the next stage in their lives with positive attitudes to learning.

### **What was our rationale when designing our curriculum?**

When designing our curriculum to meet the specific needs of our children, we used 'Cornerstones' topics and rational (of engage, develop, innovate and express) as a starting point. We have subsequently continually developed the design, content and approach in order to ensure children have opportunities to deepen their understanding and develop their skills and knowledge in the individual foundation subjects. A further priority has been to ensure our curriculum gives children opportunities to apply English, Mathematics and Computing skills in order to deepen learning. The National Curriculum is taught through discrete subject teaching and through a series of topics which bring the curriculum to life. Each topic is taught through four stages

#### **1. Engage:**

This stage provides the children with a memorable experience on which to contextualize their future learning. The memorable experience may involve an educational visit, having visitors in school, handling objects, taking part in an activity that engages and gets the children thinking and questioning.

#### **2. Develop:**

At this stage deeper learning takes place - the children research, record and explain.

#### **3. Innovate:**

At this stage the children's learning moves on as they apply their learning, evaluate and investigate.

#### **4. Express:**

Children have the opportunity to reflect on their learning and share through presentation or performance.

### **Cultural Passport**

We make a commitment to the children that throughout their time at Berwick Hills Primary they will access a wide range of cultural opportunities and experiences set out in the cultural passport in their individual gold books:

- Visit a museum
- Visit an art gallery
- Visit a theatre to see a play
- See live theatre in school
- Hear live music
- Visit a residential centre
- Play an instrument
- Visit places of worship
- Learn a language
- Take part in a performance
- See live dance
- Read a classic book
- Recite a poem
- Work with an artist
- Cook
- Visit a place of historical interest
- Participate in a community event
- Raise funds for a worthy cause
- Visit a farm
- Speak in public
- Make a link with a pen pal
- Visit the seaside
- Participate in an extra-curricular club
- Visit a school which is different to ours
- Meet people from different cultures
- Compete in a sporting event

