



Intent

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Our Curriculum meets the requirements set out in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021). These details seven areas of learning and development, each important and interconnected:

The Prime Areas of Development are particularly crucial for engaging pupil's curiosity and enthusiasm, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and achieve.

Communication and Language

We give our children opportunities to experience a rich and varied language environment to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

Physical Development

We provide opportunities for the children to be active and develop their co-ordination, control and movement. They are helped to understand the importance of physical activity and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are committed to helping our children develop a positive sense of themselves and to form constructive relationships; they learn to manage their feelings and to understand appropriate behaviour.

The Specific Areas follow on from the Prime Areas:

Literacy

The children are encouraged to link sounds and letters in order to begin to write, we use the Little Wandle scheme for phonics and the CLPE scheme for Literacy. They are given access to a wide range of reading material to ignite and follow upon their interests.

Mathematics

We provide opportunities for children to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple arithmetic and describing shapes, spaces and measures. At St Vincent's we follow the NCETM scheme for maths.

Understanding the World

We help children to make sense of the world through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

We encourage children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. They have many opportunities to express themselves through art, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design and technology.

Our curriculum and provision is also informed by our commitment to our Catholic Values which are reinforced and inform our planning, activities, teaching and our core behaviours.

Impact

The focus on our work in the EYFS stage is to equip the children to succeed as they transition into KS1 by encouraging them to be confident and happy with themselves and to provide a solid base of skills, understanding and experience upon which they can build.