



Bleak Hill Primary School

Curriculum Enrichment

Wider Curriculum Opportunities & Cultural Capital

Our curriculum extends beyond the National Curriculum and includes a wide range of enriching experiences and opportunities both within and beyond the school day. This includes an extensive programme of after-school clubs, that support the core curriculum offer, as well as those which develop specialist skills, dance, music, and first aid whilst also extending the range of children's experiences (Cultural Capital). A primary focus of our curriculum is to raise aspirations, engender a sense of personal pride in achievement, and provide a purpose and relevance for learning.

Bleak Hill takes pride in providing a highly inclusive environment, where learners demonstrate high levels of enjoyment in their education and make excellent progress across the curriculum. Children at all levels are helped to achieve their potential. Those who are most able are stretched and challenged and those who find elements of the curriculum difficult are encouraged and given targeted support to embed skills, to develop at their own pace or simply to learn in a style that best suits their individual needs.

In addition to our exciting and stimulating cross-curricular themes, we also provide further opportunities to enhance children's learning wherever possible. These include:

Whole School Theme Days/Weeks

Throughout the year, themed days/weeks are woven into the curriculum to extend the breadth and balance of opportunities we offer our pupils. These include Safety Day, Arts Week, World Book Day, Black History Day, Science Day, British Value Days and Spanish Day as examples.

Forest School & Outdoor Learning

Forest Schools is a Scandinavian initiative designed to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through an innovative, long term, educational approach to outdoor play and learning in a woodland environment. As a school we are very fortunate in having our own woodland area.

Forest Schools is offered to all our pupils throughout the year. Sessions are designed around the needs of the group to ensure that they are learner-led. Sessions are designed around a theme, themes are sometimes subtle such as evolving or exploring the site or more obvious such as butterflies, spies, fairies or nature investigators. Many areas of the National Curriculum are intrinsically covered, in the Forest Schools experience without the programmes needing to be

curriculum led. Teamwork skills are developed through games and activities. Individual skills and self-esteem are heightened throughout activities such as hide and seek, shelter building, tool skills, lighting fires or environmental art, the list is endless. Each activity develops intra and inter-personal skills as well as practical and intellectual skills.

We are promoting being an Eco school with our school council actively working on this initiative and value the benefits of outdoor learning. Children are stimulated by the outdoors where they can undertake a range of practical activities to support and enhance learning across the curriculum. Our pupils also benefit from tending their own growing beds to produce fruit and vegetables to use in cooking activities.

We also build opportunities into the curriculum for children to continue learning beyond the classroom including undertaking fieldwork and enquiry-based work.

Educational Visits and Residentials

School trips and visits are an integral part of the education of children at Bleak Hill Primary School. We value the opportunities such visits offer our pupils and the commitment of staff and adults undertaking them. Trips include class visits aimed at bringing learning alive and providing first-hand experience and bringing learning alive; extra-curricular outings such as activities with the school choir or sporting events; and attending or taking part in performances or competitions. We have developed a Bleak Hill Road Trips to knowledge to enable children to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum whilst enriching their range of experiences.

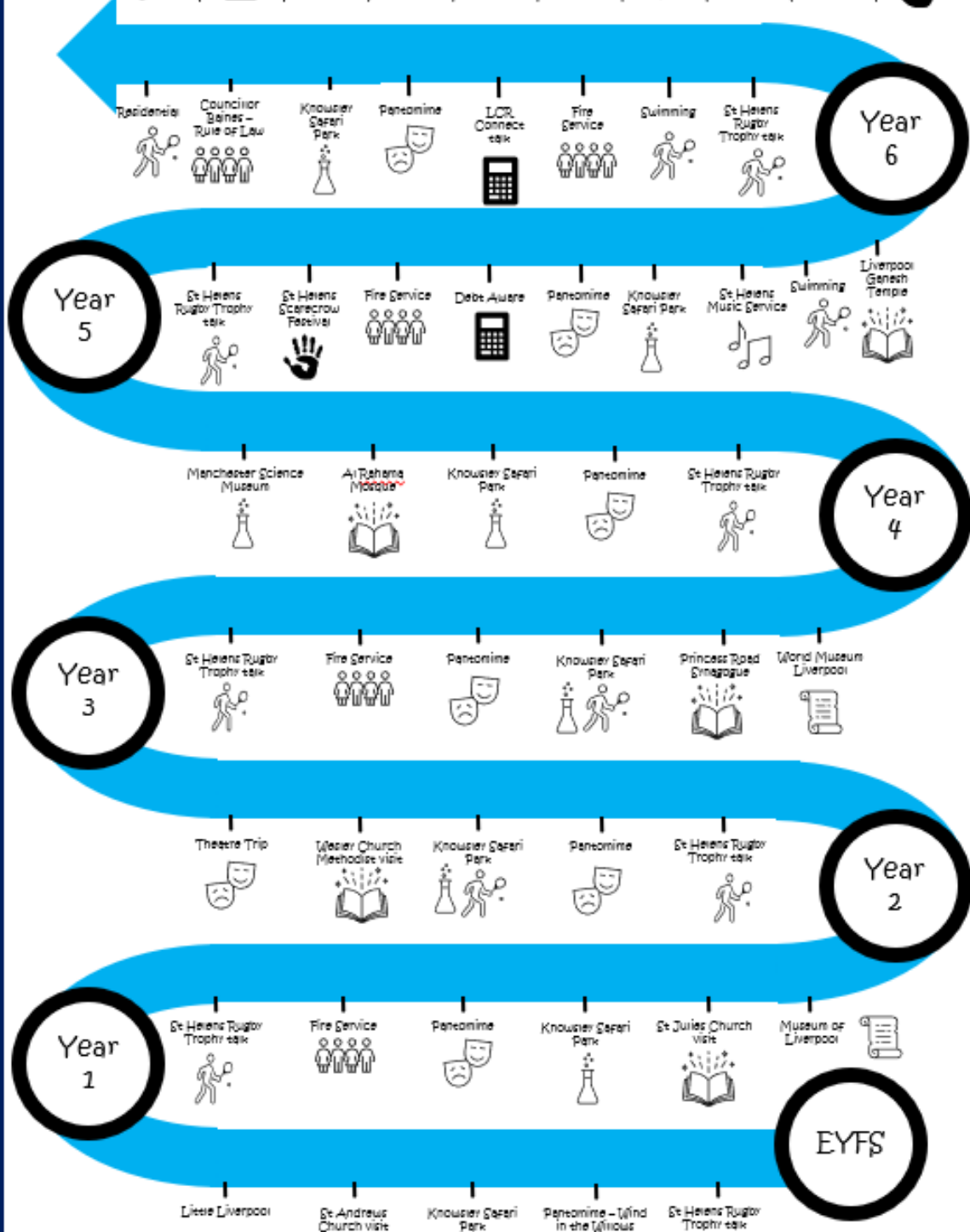
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Bleak Hill Road trip to Knowledge

The Accumulation of Cultural Capital – the acquisition of knowledge – is the key to social mobility. *Michael Gove*

English	Maths	Science	History	Geography	RE	Music	PSHE	PE	Art/DT
									



Visitors into School

Visitors have a valuable role to play and can contribute to many aspects of the life and work of the school. They deliver talks, workshops and full day activities across a wide range of subjects, giving pupils access to outside experiences and expertise. Visitors provide a link with the wider community – children have the opportunity to work alongside artists, musicians, authors, health professions and others.

After-school Clubs

As a school we offer pupils opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities after school. At any time, a wide range of clubs is on offer – our programmes of clubs and activities available is revised termly depending on the time of year and other commitments children may have.

PE & Sport

At Bleak Hill we are specialised dance and gymnastics teachers. Mrs Marsden and Miss Upton provides high quality instruction during PE lessons; they also run sporting activities afterschool and at weekends to promote increased pupil participation in PE & Sport beyond the school day.

Year 5 and 6 access swimming lessons during the academic year.

Music, Art & Drama

Bleak Hill Primary School provides opportunities for children to take part in a wide range of musical activities and performances where they are encouraged to sing, compose and work creatively with sound. Through active listening, pupils' awareness, understanding and appreciation of a wide variety of music are developed. A range of opportunities are provided within and beyond the curriculum for children to showcase their musical skills and talents, for example every year our older pupils take part in Young Voices where school choirs across the Northwest region come together to performance at the Indoor Arena in Manchester. Visits to the theatre further enriches pupils' cultural development.

Year 5 are all having the opportunity to learn a brass instrument from the trumpet to the trombone through the schools' music service. To further develop this, our specialist music teacher Mrs Burrows leads extra practices for pupils during lunchtimes.

As a school we appreciate and understand the importance of drama within our curriculum. Research reveals that drama had a positive impact on children's physical, emotional, social and cognitive development.

Opportunities to Volunteer

Volunteering is an activity that everyone can get involved in and benefit from. At Bleak Hill Primary we promote and encourage pupils' active citizenship and positive contribution to the school and wider community. We offer lots of opportunities for pupils to take on new responsibilities and be involved in successfully supporting the life and work of the school. These include elected representatives on our School Council and Subject Ambassador roles. Through our first aid club we are looking at developing FABs (First Aid Buddies) to be active during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Pupils tell us that they enjoy the opportunity to volunteer to help make their school an even better place to be and rising to the challenge that additional responsibility brings.

Collective Worship

A rounded programme of Collective Worship helps to promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, and provide clear guidance on what is right and what is wrong. Once a week, a collective worship focuses upon the Bleak Hill Value for the month and the merit award themes linked to our Bleak Hill values. We have also developed a reading spine linked to the Bleak Hill values ensuring the 'Golden Thread' of reading weaves through everything that we do at Bleak Hill. These books are shared during our worship sessions and then are displayed in school for the classes to explore throughout the week. On a Friday an Assembly of Celebration is held celebrating the pupils' successes in school.

Homework

Homework can make an important contribution to a child's progress at school. As well as reinforcing learning in the classroom, homework helps children to develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful independent lifelong learning.

Homework is set in-line with the school's policy, with tasks planned to appropriately challenge all pupils. Weekly activities focus on English and Maths to reinforce and consolidate skills taught.