
Curriculum Overview

At Highfields we endeavour to ensure our early learners develop into life-long learners. We strive to provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment where curiosity is welcomed, enquiry is encouraged and learning is enjoyed.

We believe that people learn best in different ways. At Highfields we strive for a rich and varied learning environment that allows learners to develop their skills and abilities to their full potential.

The teaching of the basic skills of English and Maths is of paramount importance, but our curriculum provides extensive opportunities to apply these skills through exciting topics from the Cornerstone curriculum.

In Foundation and Key Stage 1, these are taught over varying periods of time to take into account the changing interests of our youngest learners.

In Key Stage 2, topics are generally taught across a half term and are based on what the children find interesting alongside National Curriculum requirements. Topics may be launched with a special themed day or activity and topic work is presented in the children's learning journeys to provide a chronological of work so that all learning is inter linked. They also complete topic related writing through Talk for Writing.

A variety of methods are used to encourage learning and enjoyment; children are encouraged to work collaboratively as well as independently with an emphasis on discussion, debate and explanation. Pupils are encouraged to think for themselves and to use their skills to problem solve. We encourage this through the schools 'Ways to grow', which are key learning behaviours which will encourage skills that will help the children become successful and confident lifelong learners.

Highfields Ways to Grow:

- Determined achiever
- Collaborative workers
- Confidence builder
- Independent learner

- Creative thinker

In terms of cross-curricular learning, this is done through the Cornerstones topics, but it is also enhanced through additional provision or resources. For example, ICT is used to promote independent learning and to support developing skills. Different programmes are used to support literacy and Numeracy, and all learners are encouraged to develop their own research skills.

In addition, all children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to play the Samba drums with Mr Waterson from the Doncaster Music Service.

Furthermore, children access a range of sporting opportunities through our sports provider Active Fusion. Active Fusion support learning in PE, as well as enrichment and break time experiences.

Enrichment activities are also important in supporting the personal development of our children, as it provides them with a range of life experiences that they may not come into contact with regularly.

Please find a link a copy of the National Curriculum below.

<http://www.highfieldspa.org.uk/documents/download/20449>

<http://www.highfieldspa.org.uk/documents/download/25618>

<http://www.highfieldspa.org.uk/documents/download/25897>