

Our Curriculum at Gilbert Colvin Primary School

Our curriculum is designed to be:

- Broad and balanced – covering all National Curriculum subjects
- Ambitious for all – with high expectations for every pupil
- Relevant and engaging – connecting learning to real life and pupils' experiences
- Inclusive – ensuring pupils with additional needs can access and succeed in the curriculum

Our Curriculum Intent

Our curriculum intends to:

- Secure strong foundations in reading, writing and mathematic
- Building knowledge over time, so children remember and use what they have learned
- Develop character and values, including respect, responsibility, and kindness
- Promote curiosity and creativity, encouraging children to ask questions and think deeply
- Prepare pupils for the next stage of their education and life in modern Britain

Overview of Our Core Subjects

English

- Reading:
 - Daily reading opportunities using a structured approach
 - Phonics teaching in the early years and Key Stage 1
 - A strong focus on developing a love of books and stories
- Writing:
 - High-quality texts used as a stimulus for writing
 - Clear teaching of spelling, grammar, and punctuation
 - Regular opportunities to write for different purposes and audiences
- Speaking and listening:
 - Class discussions, presentations, drama, and role play
 - Emphasis on clear expression and respectful listening

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Mathematics

- Mastery approach: children develop a deep understanding of number, calculation, and key concepts
- Fluency, reasoning, and problem-solving are built into lessons
- Use of practical resources, visual models, and real-life contexts to secure understanding

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Science

- Practical, hands-on investigations to develop curiosity
- Children learn to ask questions, make predictions, carry out tests, and draw conclusions
- Topics build from simple observation in younger years to more complex scientific ideas in older year groups

How We Teach Our Foundation Subjects

Our foundation subjects include History, Geography, Art, Design & Technology, Computing, Music, PE, RE, PSHE and Spanish.

Across these subjects, we:

- Follow the National Curriculum and any agreed local guidance
- Sequence learning carefully so knowledge and skills build over time
- Make meaningful links between subjects where appropriate (for example, using history topics as a context for art or writing)
- Use a mix of approaches - practical work, discussion, written tasks, group projects, and use of technology
- Regularly revisit key knowledge so that children remember and can apply what they have learned

Each year group has an overview of what is taught in each subject across the year, so parents can see the 'big picture' of the curriculum.



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Curriculum Enrichment

Trips, Workshops and Experiences

We know that children learn best when learning is memorable and meaningful. To enrich our curriculum, we offer:

- Educational visits linked to topics
 - Local area walks and fieldwork
 - Visits to museums, galleries, places of worship, theatres, and historical sites
- Workshops and visitors in school
 - Specialist workshops
 - Visitors from different professions and community groups
 - Cultural and themed days to celebrate diversity and broaden pupils' experiences
- Additional opportunities
 - Performances, class assemblies, and exhibitions of work
 - Sports events and physical activity opportunities
 - Whole school events that bring the community together

These experiences help children to see the relevance of what they learn in class and to develop confidence, independence, and social skills.

Working in Partnership with Parents

We recognise that parents and carers are children's first and most important educators, and we want to work closely with you.

- Our open classrooms are specifically designed to focus on something that will help parents - such as how we teach a particular skill - so that you leave with practical strategies you can use with your child.
- As a next step, we are developing website resources to help parents support learning at home, including information about what is being taught and ideas for activities you can do together.