Curriculum Intent

At St Matthew's our curriculum is designed to build upon prior learning, improve communication skills, promote creativity, broaden knowledge and prepare pupils for life beyond school.

We embrace our diversity as individuals and celebrate our unity as a caring, Christian community.

Breadth and balance

We value pupils as individuals and aim to recognise their achievements in a wide range of areas. Our curriculum therefore ensures balance between academic and personal development. It gives equal importance to core and foundation subjects.

Key resources & provision

Project on a Page resources.

DT Association membership.

Good selection of books in the library.

A3 folded template used to record.

One day and a half project per term.

Subject Leader Mrs Harvey



Communication

- Key vocabulary is taught explicitly, such as mechanism, function, template, mock-up, structure, construct etc.
- Sentence stems are used to help pupils develop the skills of reflection and appreciation.
- Clear and explicit focus on DT learning objectives improves subject specific understanding and knowledge.

Aspiration

- High expectations benefit all pupils, with a focus on learning the skills of design, construction and evaluation.
- The use of real-life stories and examples encourages high aspirations and a 'can do' culture.
- Teaching promotes an appreciation of the world around them and helps pupils explore things they may take for granted.

Creativity

- A cross-curricular approach engages interest and facilitates the understanding of wider themes.
- DT is often linked to topics, allowing pupil to convey what they have learnt in a creative and purposeful way.
- Hands on displays in the corridors and classrooms celebrate pupils' creativity and the application of key skills.

Knowledge of the World

- Pupils understand the importance of designing and creating and the implications of innovation in the modern world.
- Pupils are taught specific skills and techniques.
- Pupils are encouraged to reflect upon their own work and that of others. They learn to evaluate and adapt.

Suggested monitoring schedule	ggested monitoring schedule Autumn		Summer	
Work scrutiny	3 4	5 6	EYFS 1 2	
Drop ins	EYFS 1 2	3 4	5 6	
Pupil perceptions	5 6	EYFS 1 2	3 4	

DT Curriculum Progression

Year group	Autumn I	Autumn 2	Spring I	Spring 2	Summer I	Summer 2
EYFS	Food	Favourite Stories	People Who Help Us	Transport	The Sea	Animals

By the end of EYFS pupils will...

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. ELG
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. ELG

Year I	Fruit Kebab	Junk Model Dinosaur Park	Moving Pictures	
Year 2	Cooking	Vehicles	Textiles	
Year 3	Food		Mechanisms / Textiles	
Year 4	Health and Varied Diet Shell Structures using CAD		Simple Circuits and Switches	
Year 5	Structures	Textiles	Food	
Year 6	Switches and Sensors	Food	Cams	

By the end of the year pupils will...

See the 'Project on a Page' (DT Association) plans for more information about

- Learning intentions
- Resources
- Vocabulary
- Cross-curricular links
- Progression of skills