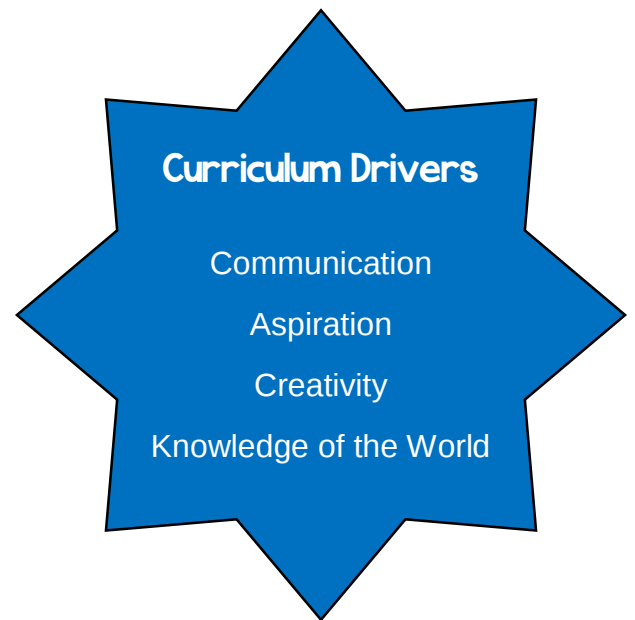


Our Curriculum

St Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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.



Our Curriculum Drivers have been carefully chosen to meet the needs of our pupils. The diversity of our intake, coupled with high mobility and a significant level of speech and language need, has steered the process of curriculum development. We have ensured that the curriculum remains broad and balanced, whilst providing intervention and support for those children that need it.

Our curriculum provides a broad range of experiences:

Communication (vocabulary)

Speaking and listening lies at the heart of our curriculum. Pupils work hard to extend their vocabulary and confidence when speaking. Subject specific vocabulary is identified, taught and revised. EAL pupils are supported with their acquisition of English.

Aspiration (pedagogy)

Pupils and staff have high expectations for learning. Children are encouraged to aim high and to be open to possibilities at school and beyond.

Creativity (pedagogy)

A topic based approach provides cohesion and context, whilst maintaining the integrity of learning objectives for foundation subjects.

Knowledge of the World (subject knowledge)

Pupils work towards acquiring a depth of learning and knowledge, alongside an awareness of the wider world and their place in it. We plan for enrichment and offer a breadth of experiences beyond the classroom.

Our curriculum provides appropriate 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.

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, together with a structured programme of PSHE, underpins our work and is regularly monitored and reviewed. Pupils are encouraged to be good citizens and our church school ethos and Christian values are evident in all that we do.