

# Our Curriculum Intent

**Our Curriculum Intent: Safe, effective and sustainable Early Years practice which meets the needs of the children and families we work with.**

At Leasons Primary School and Little Orchard Nursery, we offer a language rich curriculum that is inclusive, aspiring, and responsive to children's needs and interests. We strive to support every child in achieving their very best and to aim for excellence across the curriculum. The curriculum begins with what children already know and can do and then is planned and sequenced to ensure all children acquire the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their future learning.

In The Early Years, our curriculum is built upon children's current and shared learning experiences. This encourages the children to be excited and inspired and to be enquirers and reflective learners. Children are given broad experiences in order to experience moments of "enchantment" which lead to elements of discovery. Children have ownership of their learning and heightened engagement. We focus on what children already know and can do and deliver a child centred curriculum which ensures all children progress across all areas of learning and development.

There is an emphasis on developing children's Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Development and their mental health and well-being throughout the curriculum. We utilise the school's extensive grounds, incorporate cultural experiences and take account of the school's locality, ensuring that local events and history are key components of children's learning. We also believe in excellence when it comes to children's well-being, social and emotional development. We use the Leuven scale, alongside our observations, to monitor well-being and involvement. We work with families and the children alongside our Pastoral Inclusion Team and Family Liaison Officer to offer support on bereavement, family separation, anxiety, anger management, low self-esteem and many others.

In Literacy, we follow the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc program to teach phonics from Nursery through to Year Two. We use Letter Join to teach letter formation. Our home reading books are closely matched to each child's development. In Maths, we follow White Rose which emphasises Maths Mastery and deeper thinking of mathematical skills.

Our Early Years staff are forward thinking and actively participate in projects linked to current research which deliver improved outcomes for children. At Leasons, we strongly believe that all children are different and benefit and develop through a range of experiences. We love taking learning outside and have regular trips to Forest Schools as well as providing Outdoor Learning opportunities daily. It is our intent that all children will receive a broadly enriched curriculum with a rounded and stimulating learning environment where they are confident to develop themselves across all areas.

*"Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning." – William Arthur Ward*