



The Magdalen Church of England / Methodist School

Our School's Curriculum Approach

At The Magdalen Church of England / Methodist School we believe that 'In God's Hands We Can Succeed and Achieve Together'. We work closely together to ensure that pupils not only reach their full potential but also become responsible and self-motivated members of the community, mature in body, mind and spirit. We aim to provide the children with a curriculum which is broad, well balanced and above all stimulates learning. Through a positive and caring environment, we provide the opportunity for every child to be the best that they can be. We embrace Christian values and ensure all children are ready for their next steps.

Our curriculum is carefully designed to ensure that all of our children are able to achieve their true potential according to their ability and aspiration. We deliver programmes of study that meet the National Curriculum requirements. Learning opportunities are planned carefully with a clear focus on enabling pupil achievement and challenging all children to strive to extend their knowledge, understanding and skills. We acknowledge that people learn in many different ways and we recognise the need to develop strategies that allow all children to learn in ways that suit them. Opportunities are planned to cater for a range of different learning styles to ensure that all children can access the curriculum and learn in a way that is best for them. Within the classroom, children work as a whole class, in small groups and with paired learning partners as well as individually to complete differentiated tasks and activities. Role play, drama and themed weeks (eg Writing Week and Science Week) enhance our curriculum delivery. Experienced and dedicated staff support and challenge children to access the curriculum effectively. We value the power of first-hand experience to inspire and motivate learners. We aim to provide children with as many out-of-school experiences as possible in order to make learning exciting and 'real'. Specialist visitors eg musicians, actors and scientists are also invited into school to inspire our children and enthuse their love of learning. Our children enjoy learning outdoors in a safe and stimulating environment which enables them to explore open-ended lines of enquiry.