



## **Highampton Primary School Curriculum offer**

In September 2021, in response to the Covid pandemic and identified gaps in learning, we adopted a new Base curriculum. This will form the base for a new, mixed age class specific Dartmoor Multi Academy, Moorland Hub Curriculum. The aim of this curriculum is for every child to have the requisite skills to be successful, independent and motivated learners in readiness for their next stage of education; we prepare them for life as global citizens in the 21st century.

Our curriculum covers all aspects of the National Curriculum 2014: English, Maths, Science, Art, Computing, Design Technology, Geography, History, Languages, Music and Physical Education. In addition, we follow the Devon agreed syllabus for Religious Education 2019 and ensure progression in Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural education as well as Relationships and Sex Education. We believe in academic achievement as a partner to developing the individual child to become future community and global citizens. In addition, our curriculum is enriched through experiences and opportunities which best meet the learning and developmental needs of all of the children in our school.

Our curriculum is ambitious for all learners, including those who are disadvantaged or with SEND. We firmly believe in inclusion for all and as part of quality first teaching, teachers adapt the delivery and scaffold the resources available for all learners to ensure the curriculum is accessible.

The behaviour of children and adults within our school is rooted in mutual respect. We believe that children and adults should be caring and kind to one another throughout life. Our school vision **Learn, Care, Grow Together** is rooted in our curriculum. We discretely teach children life skills and reward positive behaviour at all times. As our children leave Highampton, we ask them to go into their community with the same care and kindness that they have shown at school. This is accessible and inclusive to all pupils, regardless of race, sexuality, age, ability or religion.

Children within our school are encouraged to be ambitious in their learning - to take risks, make mistakes and learn. This is evident in our daily lessons and in the wider curriculum opportunities we offer. All children will take part in an offsite trip at least 3 times a year and have visitors to enhance their curriculum 3 times a year. In addition, we offer residential trips to Dartmoor and Bristol for our year 4,5 and 6 children. Performing arts including drama, music and public speaking are celebrated and promoted within our school. We have close links with our wider community which offers opportunity to perform Easter and Christmas plays, public music and singing performances. These experiences build confidence in public performance and articulation in daily conversation. These experiences allow our children to widen their horizons, grow ambitions and have greater aspirations for their future.

In addition to some of the experiences above, children have regular and high-quality opportunities to take part in sport and physical education and outdoor learning. We use the 'Real PE' scheme which enhances teachers lessons and planning for our Physical Education lessons. Children also take part in competitive sporting events run locally and within West Devon. Children will have many opportunities throughout their school career to represent the school. This includes children with SEN needs - we regularly participate in the 'Ability games.' We want children to leave our school with a lifelong love of sport and a healthy lifestyle for the future. We provide swimming lessons for all our children from Foundation to Year 6 to ensure all children leave us with the ability to swim. Our close links with Okehampton and Tavistock Colleges means we have access to many more sporting resources - Gymnasium, sports halls, athletics tracks etc.

We work in creative partnership with Devon Wildlife Trust to deliver sessions on natural literacy and create links with wider curriculum study in our outdoor space. Where possible, we take learning outside as the ethos is that this benefits both children's wellbeing and their knowledge of their environment and the world around them. We build confidence and awareness of self through lessons and activities outside of the classroom, encouraging our children to reflect on nature's important role in our lives and considering the needs of wildlife habitats. As part of the Moorland Hub within our Trust and living on the edge of Dartmoor, we want our pupils to have an enriched curriculum, including learning outside the classroom.

Our Multi Academy Trust links mean we are able to ensure children who display a talent in any area have the support they need to continue progressing and develop their skills by cross school and cross phase working.

We have the same expectations for all of our children regardless of race, gender, SEND or background. Some children may require a support plan to ensure they are able to access our curriculum in the same way as others whilst some may need support from Pupil Premium or Catch up funding. We expect parents and carers to support their children and the school in accessing the curriculum in full.