



Curriculum Intent

At St Margaret Mary RC Primary School, we have designed our curriculum with the intent that children must have the building blocks to become successful adults. They must be able to gain employment, live healthy lifestyles, live life rooted in the gospel virtues, appreciate their talents, nurture their interests and hobbies and extend their horizons.

It is fundamental that we keep the skills of English and Mathematics at the core of learning for all our pupils. We strive in the hope that our children will aspire to a range of careers and personal interests in the future, and to ensure they gain knowledge and skills across all subject areas.

The curriculum is all the planned activities that the school organises in order to promote personal growth and development. This encompasses a wide range of subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Computing, Art, Design & Technology, Spanish, History, Geography, Physical Education, Music and Religious Education.

Programmes of work are planned within the guidelines and requirements of the National Curriculum. We believe children learn better through a stimulating and imaginative curriculum which encourages curiosity and creativity. Reading is at the heart of our learning.

Our curriculum aims to engage pupils in their learning whilst developing knowledge and skills so they can achieve their very best. The curriculum includes not only the formal requirements of the National Curriculum, but also the range of additional opportunities that the school organises in order to enrich the experiences of our children. This includes a range of enrichment opportunities available to our children across all year groups. Evidence of this can be found in our Special Events tab ([Link here](#)) and Extra-curricular clubs ([link here](#)). We also have further information about our SMVSC and British Values in our school ([link](#)).

The Key themes for our curriculum at St Margaret Mary's School aim to provide children with the following skills:

- Wellbeing (Mental and Physical)
- Respect each other
- Grow Resilience
- Inspiration and Aspiration
- Perseverance
- Curiosity and creativity in all aspects of learning
- Seeing the world beyond their immediate surroundings
- Effective communication
- Knowledge needed to succeed in the world
- Grow independent learners

Our curriculum has been designed as a whole, the threads that run through it ensure learning is connected and progressive. We have worked hard to design our curriculum to cover not only the statutory aspect of the National Curriculum but also take into account our global, national and local position and heritage. We have ensured that many aspects of our great city of Birmingham and beyond are used to thread through the curriculum to enable pupils to be proud and celebrate their cultural capital.

Our Key aim is that when children leave our school to move onto their secondary phase of schooling they have:

- A deep rooted faith and understanding of Christian values/virtues.
- A clear understanding of the British Values that underpin our society.
- A firm grasp of basic skills in reading, writing and maths layered with good general knowledge of the local, national and global community.
- Confidence in themselves and their attitudes to learning.
- An aspiration to aim high and challenge themselves to achieve great things in their chosen adult path.
- A strong sense of moral purpose and respect for themselves and others.