



Tower Hill Primary School Curriculum Offer



RESPECT
HIGH EXPECTATIONS
CONFIDENCE
FAIRNESS
FRIENDLINESS
ACHIEVEMENT

At Tower Hill Primary School our core vision is that **ALL** children will be equipped with the skills, knowledge, understanding and empathy that will lead to them being able to make their own choices in life, successfully. We strive for all to be actively engaged in their own learning, to be motivated and eager, to achieve and attain to their own full potential – thus making them proud of themselves and of being a member of the 'Tower Hill Team'. Our relationships between all members of Tower Hill are held as key to our success. We value each member of the school community as an individual and interact with them honestly, respectfully and politely.

We have an ethos of 'no ceiling to learning and achievement' for our children irrespective of their ability, and the school's outstanding record of achievement including both its impressive academic results and most significantly in the progress pupils make as they pass through the school, highlight the success of this approach.

Our key values of **Respect, Friendliness, Achievement, High Expectations, Confidence** and **Fairness** pervade through our curriculum and ensure that our children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development in this ever changing world as well as their physical well-being enables them to thrive in a supportive, highly cohesive learning community.

We at Tower Hill Primary School, believe that all children have the right to the best education possible, ensuring challenge for all children, through a varied and stimulating range of experiences and opportunities. The curriculum that we deliver meets all statutory requirements whilst allowing children to learn through discovery, exploration, excitement and fun.

Children only get one chance at a primary school education and we strive to make it the best experience possible

Subjects at Tower Hill - Maths, English, Science

Maths



In Maths, your child will develop their knowledge of the number system and how to manipulate numbers in a range of fun and practical contexts. They will develop their fluency in key number facts and times tables through games, regular practise and recall. Maths is taught through the interactive use of resources, discussion and problem solving, giving all children the opportunity to become 'masters' of maths. At Tower Hill, we will show children that maths has a place in the wider world and how this applies to other areas of the school curriculum.

English



In English, your child will be exposed to a range of rich texts which will inspire, engage and motivate them whilst also developing their love of reading. Reading is taught in a variety of ways and your child will be given many opportunities for reading which are not restricted to English lessons.

In writing sessions, your child will have the opportunity to write across a range of genres, linked to different texts. It is important that the writing is purposeful, relevant and engaging whilst developing specific writing skills. We encourage writing across all areas of the curriculum.

Science



In Science, children will learn through the three keys areas of: knowledge, understanding and scientific enquiry to gain an understanding of Science within their world. Science at Tower Hill will inspire a curiosity and fascination about the world through engaging, exciting and relevant opportunities. Children will plan, investigate and question by designing and carrying out their own experiments to further their understanding.

Subjects at Tower Hill - Computing, PE, RE

Computing



In Computing, your child will learn about the three main aspects: Digital Literacy, Information Technology and Computer Science. All children will be given the opportunity to explore a range of software and programs designed to be fun, progressive and equip them for the modern technological age. Throughout our curriculum, we will also ensure children are taught age appropriate E-Safety to keep them safe in an ever-changing digital world

PE



In PE, your child will develop themselves physically by participating in a variety of sporting games and activities. We want your child to develop an understanding of the importance of sports and the benefits it has on our mind and body. PE lessons will offer your child the opportunity to take part in a range of sports, developing their teamwork and communication skills. Through engagement and enjoyment, your child will be given the opportunity to take part in competitions both in and outside of school.

RE



At Tower Hill we follow the Hampshire Living Difference syllabus. Your child will apply different concepts to their own lives and experiences. Your child will learn about a range of religions to enable them to have knowledge of and understand the diverse world we live in. We enable your child to learn in an environment where they can develop their understanding and ask questions in a way that is respectful to others.

Subjects at Tower Hill - Art, DT, Music

Art



In Art, your child will develop their drawing, sketching and sculpture skills. They will gradually develop knowledge and ideas of modern artists as well as traditional pieces. Your child will experiment with different materials and mediums to create a variety of work. At the end of a topic, your child will get a chance to evaluate their own work and present to the rest of their class.

DT



In DT, your child will have the opportunity to design, make, evaluate and develop their technical knowledge through using a variety of techniques and materials that they can relate to their immediate and wider world. Your child will gain experience of textiles, wood work, different structures and moving parts through technology.

In Food Technology your child will learn about balanced and healthy diets, to aid them to make good choices. They will also learn more about the cultural and historical background of the food and develop an understanding of how seasons & farming affect quality and availability.

Music



In our music curriculum, teachers will provide the children with the opportunity to listen to, compose and perform their own music in a range of styles. From singing in assembly, to using a range of tuned and untuned instruments, it is important for each child to experience music in different ways. With our updated assembly music, our children will also be able to listen to music they are more familiar with as well as learning the history behind a particular style, artist or composer.

Subjects at Tower Hill - History, Geography, French

History



In History, your child will develop their understanding of how key events have impacted upon and changed the world in which they live, providing the opportunity to identify past mistakes and learn from them. They will use sources to investigate key events and people from global history. This will allow your child to develop an understanding diversity and different experiences. Through the focus of key questions your child will develop their historical understanding and ability to think critically while respecting the views of others

Geography



In Geography, your child will develop their geographical and fieldwork skills whilst learning about the human and physical features of different locations and places. Throughout their Geographical education we aim to inspire pupils' curiosity and fascination about the world and its people. We strive for all children to be actively engaged in their learning, through exciting, engaging and relevant opportunities such as outdoor learning, visits and workshops

French



In French, your child will develop their knowledge of how language works and take some of their first steps in becoming a global citizen. We want the children to enjoy their language learning and have an active engagement with French. As such, lessons will often include games, role play, songs as well as the opportunities to use their language skills in real life contexts such as cafes, weather reports and videos. Through engagement and enjoyment, we look to lay the foundations of language learning promoting further study and ultimately, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries across a global economy.

Subjects at Tower Hill - Outdoor Learning, PSHE

Outdoor Learning



In Outdoor Learning, your child will experience a range of opportunities in the school grounds in a variety of weather conditions. We will be developing their relationship with nature. Your child will develop team building and enquiry skills together with consolidating their learning from other subjects in a real life context

PSHE



At Tower Hill we follow the Jigsaw PSHE scheme of work. We aim to support your child to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to help them manage life and learning effectively, now and in the future. This will be achieved through weekly Jigsaw lessons delivered across the whole school. Relationships and Sex Education

Additional to this, we will teach your child to understand and manage their emotions through the Zones of Regulation programme



Golden Thread of Aspirations

Our **Golden Thread of Aspirations** weaves throughout our curriculum. We believe that it is vital to children's development that they have aspirations for the future – that they have something to aim for, something they would like to achieve. At Tower Hill, we believe that it is our responsibility to give children experiences and opportunities to help them 'figure out' and decide what they aspire to do or to be. This Golden Thread is embedded across all subjects in all phases.

Through the implementation of the Golden Thread of Aspirations, we aim to:

- provide opportunities for children to make connections between themselves now and the future
- increase motivation, inspiration, independence and confidence
- encourage a range of visitors to the school so that children can see different role models and aspire to different careers.
- give children opportunities to explore their own interests and support them to develop new skills.
- provide opportunities for children to develop their ambition through participation in community events, taking responsibility for themselves and others and making connections to their future eg: through school council.

The Early Years Curriculum

At Tower Hill, children learn skills, acquire knowledge and demonstrate their understanding through the seven areas of learning and development.

The Prime areas are:

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The Specific areas are:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

The Prime Areas



Communication and Language

Communication and language is at the heart of our early years curriculum. Children will be exposed to new words and experiences throughout our varied topics. We will develop language through our daily story sessions where children will be exposed to story related vocabulary which will support their understanding across the curriculum. We will support children at their level to communicate their needs, wants and interests putting our children at the centre of everything that we do.

Physical Development

Gross motor – We will support children to develop their gross motor skills through weekly PE sessions and daily activities in the quad. This will include riding a bike, climbing, jumping, running, dancing, negotiating space and showing strength, balance and coordination when playing. We understand the importance of this as it provides the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional wellbeing.

Fine motor – Your child will develop their fine motor skills through daily activities such as, playdough, cutting, threading, using tweezers and popping bubble wrap. These are just a few examples of how we will develop their small finger muscles which in turn will support their pencil grip and control ready for writing.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

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The Specific Areas

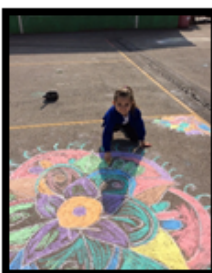


Literacy

During the reception year your child will learn to read and write through daily phonics sessions and challenges within the provision. They will learn 5 sounds a week through the Read Write Inc phonics scheme where we will teach them how to blend sounds to read words and develop confident readers who enjoy reading. Reading and writing is woven through the curriculum to support motivation and stamina, for example, writing about a construction the children have made or a character who has visited us from a key text. We appreciate that literacy is at the bedrock for education and aim to give every child the skills and knowledge to succeed in their education and beyond.

Mathematics

Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically. Children should be able to count confidently, develop a deep understanding of the numbers to 10, the relationships between them and the patterns within those numbers. We provide frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply this understanding – such as using manipulatives, including counters and tens frames. Children will develop a secure base of knowledge and vocabulary.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will learn to express themselves using their creativity and imagination. They will be taught to invent, adapt and recount stories. Sing a range of nursery rhymes and songs whilst learning to move rhythmically to music. Alongside this children will explore materials, tools and techniques whilst experimenting with colour, design, texture and function. They will be encouraged to share their creations and explain the process they have used. We will also encourage them to use props and materials when role playing to expand their narratives.

Understanding the world

Children will learn about the world around them by exploring the natural world and making observations of animals and plants. They will explore contrasting environments by drawing upon their experiences and books. They will learn about the past and present through settings, characters and events they encounter in stories. They will celebrate people, culture and communities by exploring different religious and cultural communities, talk about similarities and differences by exploring where they live and life in other countries using non-fiction texts and maps and visitors.



We pledge that during your time with us at Tower Hill Primary School, your child will have the opportunity to experience the following:

1. Visit a farm or a zoo
2. Go to the theatre
3. Go on a residential and stay away from home with their friends
4. Perform on the stage in front of an audience
5. Have swimming lessons
6. Ride a bike
7. Learn outside – both in school and off site
8. Become a published author or illustrator
9. Meet an inspirational person
10. Participate in religious and major world events
11. Play a musical instrument
12. Participate in a competition (in or out of school)
13. Understand Democracy and have the chance to vote
14. Attend an extra-curricular club
15. Become somebody else for the day (eg: book character)

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