

## Our Curriculum

At Little Missenden CE Infant School, we aim to prepare each child for their future life as a happy, fulfilled member of our society. We encourage all children to enjoy learning and take pride in their work by offering a wide range of activities and experiences.

### Reception:

Children in the Reception Year follow the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. The Areas of Learning are: Communication and Language, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design. When planning and guiding children's activities the Characteristics of Effective Learning are considered, these are: Playing and Exploring, Active Learning, Creating and Thinking Critically. There are opportunities to experience the curriculum through games and play based activities.

### Years 1 & 2:

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils follow the Key Stage 1 National Curriculum, comprising Mathematics, English, Science, Computing, History, Geography, Physical Education (PE), Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE), Religious Education (RE), Art and Design, Design and Technology, and Music. We give the core subjects of English, Maths, Computing and Science a high allocation of teaching time.

### Reading:

Our books are book banded into coloured levels and include a variety of schemes as well as Fiction and Non-Fiction texts. These include Oxford Reading Tree, Big Cat Phonics, All Aboard and Project X.

### Phonics:

We use a range of phonic activities, games and practical activities. We also use Jolly Phonics and Big Cat Phonics to support these tasks.

### Handwriting:

Handwriting is taught using different strategies that include informal activities such as 'Funky Fingers' and more formal handwriting in the form of the Penpals handwriting scheme.

**Talks & Trips:**

We make the learning experience as enjoyable as we can by offering a wide range of activities and experiences. We often invite guests to the school for talks, workshops or demonstrations such as an Indian Dance Workshop and a Victorian Drama Workshops. We also have sports events such as skipping workshops. Additionally, we take the children on trips to local attractions such as Chiltern Open Air Museum and places further afield like Windsor Castle and London's Natural History Museum. There is also an annual visit to a traditional pantomime.

**Clubs:**

After school clubs enrich the curriculum and include activities such as French, Tennis and Football.