

SRS Primary Curriculum 2016-2017

KS1 and KS2 Curriculum

We currently have 1 KS1&2 class and 3 KS2 classes in Samuel Rhodes primary department. Our curriculum is based on the new Curriculum and effectively and taught at a level to suit the learning needs of our pupils. Learning has to be contextual and relevant, and cross-curricular links are important. Non-core subjects such as Geography, History and Design and Technology, are delivered through integrated themes. Science is included in topic work, but is also taught discretely at key stage two. Pupils access weekly PSCHE and religious education, Art, PE and swimming sessions in addition to a whole school music assembly. Valuable holistic support is provided to all pupils by highly effective collaboration with visiting professionals and outside agencies.

Speaking and Listening

We are dedicated to providing a 'total communication' environment for all pupils throughout key stages 1&2. All learning resources are heavily differentiated to meet the pupils' individual needs with particular emphasis on visual supports and Makaton. In addition KS1 pupils have a weekly SMILE session to further assist the development of their interaction and conversational skills. The Speech and language therapist works very closely with the staff team to ensure all pupils make excellent progress towards their communication targets.

Literacy

Literacy is contextualised in a wider language base, in order to enable pupils to develop skills for real life use. Regular 'Talk for writing' sessions effectively support all pupils in KS2 to develop their literacy skills. Pupils' access 3 extended literacy lessons a week as well as taking part in daily-streamed reading sessions. They use our online reading program which parents can also access to further consolidate their learning. We are currently assessing pupils' phonological awareness in order to develop the phonics strategies already successfully being used across the curriculum. All pupils use the International library once a week to borrow language-appropriate books to read in and out of school.

Mathematics

In KS1 pupils have 3 double discrete Mathematics lessons following the new curriculum at the appropriate level. We an extensive range of differentiated resources to develop pupils basic skills in every strand. We focus particularly on the "using and applying" strand, to develop real life skills. Pupils have 1 streamed Numicon session a week when they are taught in very small level appropriate groups. This term we are introducing the Mathletics homework program to support and boost progress made in school.

PSHCE

Pupils have one session a week on PSHCE as well as topic days when we look into relevant topics as a whole school project. The learning covered in these sessions links directly to the current whole school communication and speech and language interventions.