FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Building strong foundations for a bright future

At St Paul's, every child is given the knowledge, skills and experiences they need to belong, grow and flourish.

FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

- A wide range of vocabulary (everyday, ambitious and subject-specific)
- Stories, rhymes, poems and songs
- Listening and attention
- Understanding and following instructions
- Expressing ideas, thoughts and feelings
- Conversation and social language

EARLY LITERACY

- Phonics: letter-sound correspondence
- Blending and segmenting sounds
- Decoding and word reading
- Reading high quality texts with understanding
- Retelling and discussing stories
- Writing for purpose
- Forming letters and words

EARLY MATHEMATICS

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- Number sense and understanding
- Counting, subitising and comparing
- Number bonds and early recall of facts
- Understanding patterns and relationships
- Shape, space and measure
- Mathematical language and reasoning
- Solving problems

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- Knowledge of people and communities
- The world: past, present and future
- The natural world and living things
- Technology and how things work
- Curiosity, awe and wonder
- Exploring, investigating and asking questions

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Knowing and understanding emotions
- Building positive relationships
- Confidence and self-belief
- Managing feelings and behaviour
- Compassion, kindness and respect
- Sense of belonging and community

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

- Exploring and using a range of materials
- Creating and experimenting
- Role play and imaginative play
- Music, movement and rhythm
- Performing, sharing and expressing ideas

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Children will be able to...

- ✓ Listen attentively
- ✓ Hold a conversation
- ✓ Respond to others
- ✓ Use and understand new vocabulary
- ✓ Express ideas clearly
- ✓ Retell stories and experiences

Children will be able to...

- ✓ Hear and say sounds in words
- ✓ Read words and simple sentences
- ✓ Understand what they read
- ✓ Write letters, words and sentences
- ✓ Communicate ideas through writing

Children will be able to...

- ✓ Count confidently
- ✓ Recognise numbers
- ✓ Understand quantity
- ✓ Recall key number facts
- ✓ Explain thinking using mathematical language
- ✓ Solve problems in practical and meaningful ways

Children will be able to...

- ✓ Talk about their world
- ✓ Make observations
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Explore and investigate
- ✓ Make sense of their experiences
- ✓ Show curiosity and interest

Children will be able to...

- ✓ Understand their feelings
- ✓ Manage emotions
- ✓ Build friendships
- ✓ Take turns and share
- ✓ Show kindness and respect
- ✓ Work and play cooperatively

Children will be able to...

- ✓ Explore materials and techniques
- ✓ Create and represent ideas
- ✓ Sing, move and perform
- ✓ Use imagination in play
- ✓ Express ideas in different ways

CORE LEARNING BEHAVIOURS WE TEACH

ATTENTION
We listen, focus and engage.

RESILIENCE
We keep trying and learn from challenges.

INDEPENDENCE
We try things ourselves and take responsibility.

COLLABORATION
We work together and value others' ideas.

EMOTIONAL REGULATION
We understand and manage our feelings.

CURIOSITY
We ask questions and love to learn.

COURAGE COMPASSION COMMUNITY

Strong foundations today, successful learners for life. *Learning in God's Love.*