



Gaskell Community
Primary School
"Together We Shine"

Statement of Curriculum Intent for Gaskell Primary School

Our school ethos is to place the child at the centre of everything we do. We aim to encourage, challenge and enable our children to become well-balanced and resilient citizens in today and tomorrow's world. At Gaskell we will provide the children with the skills they require for their lifetime. They are encouraged to be resourceful, skilled, adaptable, flexible and empathetic.

Our school values are represented and underpinned by the curriculum drivers and form the basis of everything we do. They represent how we behave in, around and outside school from Nursery to Year 6, in all aspects of school life. They also support the teaching of British Values throughout the school.

Healthy Pioneers

It is important to us that all members of our school family are healthy – physically and mentally. Throughout life, our children will face many difficult challenges and need to have the physical and mental resilience to be successful and happy. Children are aware that their own health is an important aspect of their place in the world. We recognise the responsibility we have for the physical development and wellbeing of our children. We are passionate that a curriculum rich in sport and physical activity, along with participation in competition develops confidence, empathy and resilience.

World Citizens

We believe our children need to develop an understanding about where they live and the wider world. Through learning about the world, we want them to understand their role in today and tomorrow's world by developing respect and tolerance towards the environment, communities and religions. Children are encouraged to challenge themselves to gain high aspirations about what their future 'world of work' may look like.

Avid Adventurers

We are passionate that children are excited about the real world. We believe that a curriculum rich in real life experiences develops confidence and resilience. We want them to know that life exists outside school, their home and local community. There is a world waiting to be explored. We will allow them to manage risk-taking by having lots of fun and experiencing a little danger. These learning experiences will ignite the imagination and advance their knowledge and understanding, taking into account their diverse starting points and enrich their experiences of life.

Confident Communicators

We believe that our children need to develop the skills to work well with other people. Children need to know how to speak and listen with respect in a variety of different situations. They need the ability to read well and read widely as this broadens horizons, develops imagination and provides a rich vocabulary through which to construct knowledge and understanding of the world. Being able to write confidently, for a range of purpose and audiences, will be reflected as a key skill in our curriculum to develop this ability. We will give the children opportunities to think critically by solving problems and making choices.

Creative Minds

In our school, children will be engaged by a curriculum rich in creativity and expression. They will be encouraged to express themselves through the medium of dance, music, art, design and drama. Individuality and self-expression is promoted whilst developing resilience, resourcefulness and risk taking when faced with more challenging tasks. Creativity is encouraged in all areas, the arts are an important aspect of our school life.

To develop each of our pupils to become successful citizens in today and tomorrow's world.