

Curriculum Statement 2018/19

At Inspire Multi Academy Trust, we plan and teach a creative curriculum building upon and exploring our children's interests. The curriculum is planned carefully and progressively, so that we can ensure there is coherence and full coverage of key skills and the National Curriculum.

Our skills based approach helps children to develop and refine their key skills: problem solving, application of knowledge, computing and information technology, working with others, communication and improving learning and performance.

Wherever possible, our children learn through a wide range of practical tasks which are designed to support the development or refinement of key skills. Within their planning, our Teachers provide opportunities for children to apply the basic skills, with learning designed to enhance our children's literacy and numeracy skills.

The curriculum within Inspire Academies is also enhanced through the planning and delivery of key educational visits and through visitors coming in to school to work with, support and share experiences with our children.

Our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 curriculum consists of:

English
Maths
Science
Computing
PSHE
RE
History
Geography
Art
Design & Technology
Music
Modern Foreign Language – French

For more information on any aspect of the curriculum or your child's learning, please contact the Class Teacher who will always be happy to help.

Early years foundation stage curriculum within Plains Farm Academy

Learning in the Foundation Stage reflects the EYFS Statutory framework and Development matters guidance. The curriculum is based around four principles:

- Every child is a unique individual who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
- Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.
- Children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and carers.
- Children develop and learn in different ways. Practitioners teach children by ensuring challenging, playful opportunities across the prime and specific areas of learning and development.

Learning is categorised into seven areas: three prime and four specific.

Prime areas are fundamental; work together and move through to support development in all other areas. The prime areas are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

The specific areas include essential skills and knowledge. They grow out of the prime areas, and provide important contexts for learning. The specific areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Underpinning the EYFS curriculum are the characteristics of effective learning. Children are given opportunities to play and explore, engage in active learning, and create and think critically.