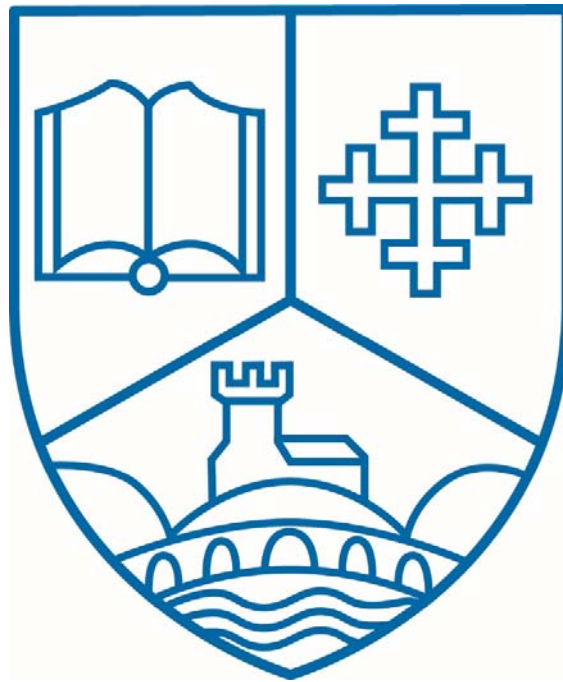


**BIDFORD ON AVON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Curriculum Policy

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Bidford Primary School Curriculum provision and planning Policy. Sept 2018.

1. Introduction:

The school curriculum comprises all learning and other experiences that our school plans for its pupils. The national curriculum forms one part of the school curriculum and consist of 3 core subjects (English, Mathematics and Science) and 7 Foundation subjects at KS1 (Art & Design, Computing, Design and Technology, Geography, History, Music and Physical Education) and 8 (languages) at KS2. It also makes provision for personal, social, health, cultural and economic education (PSHCE).

We believe that all the children and adults in our school community are learners. By embracing a range of appropriate teaching and learning styles, we provide a rewarding, enjoyable and meaningful curriculum that fosters individual creativity, independence, personal growth and development. It includes not only the formal requirements of the National Curriculum and statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, but also the range of extra-curricular activities used to enrich children's experience and the 'hidden curriculum' - what the children learn from the way they are treated and about how they are expected to behave. We aim to teach children how to grow into positive, responsible people, who can work and co-operate with others whilst developing the knowledge, skills and love of learning needed to achieve their true potential. The curriculum is designed to reflect and engage the local area – its rural setting, the community, local groups and extend pupil's experience beyond to a national and global awareness.

2. Aims and objectives:

The aims of our school curriculum are:

- to offer a curriculum which is balanced and broadly based, which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society and prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.
- to promote high standards across the curriculum and provide an enjoyable, meaningful, stimulating learning environment.
- to support children to reach their full potential in all aspects of their school, home and future life.
- to enable children to be creative and to develop their own thinking, problem solving and investigative skills;
- to promote a positive attitude towards learning, so that children enjoy coming to school, and acquire a solid basis for lifelong learning.
- to provide equality of access and opportunity for all pupils.
- to ensure children are competent in the basic skills of English, Maths, scientific research, computing and comparative thinking.
- to teach children about their developing world, including how their environment and society have changed over time.
- to develop cultural awareness and to help children understand Britain's values and cultural heritage.
- to enable children to be positive citizens in society, preparing them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.
- to develop the personal and social skills of each child.
- to fulfill all the requirements of the National Curriculum, Early Years framework and the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.
- to provide a daily act of collective worship.
- to provide sex education to pupils in Year 6 and information to pupils on puberty from Year 5.
- to enable pupils to develop moral sensibility and to have an understanding of the difference between right and wrong.
- to understand the importance of truth and fairness, so that they grow up committed to equal opportunities for all.
- to promote spiritual development, environmental awareness and economic well-being.

- to enable children to have good self-esteem and respect for themselves and others and to be able to live and work co-operatively with others.
- to promote physical and mental development, well-being and an awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle.
- to support their effective transfer between home, nursery, school and Key Stage.
- to develop healthy, happy, confident and self-motivated individuals.

3. Organisation and planning

Planning overview:

- We plan our curriculum in three phases: Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 based on the statutory elements of the National Curriculum 2014, Early Years framework and the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.
- KS teams meet termly/ weekly to develop planning across the classes to ensure entitlement and parity for each year group.
- Planning ensures engagement through activities that have a purposeful or real life context; that encourage creativity and individual expression; that promote curiosity, research and independent learning; that set high expectations through presentation, marking and feedback; that deliver a clear focus through clear learning objectives, success criteria, target setting and assessment for learning.

Long term planning: (Yearly & Curriculum summary)

- Our long-term plans (maps) identify the implementation of the National Curriculum 2014 for each key stage. This indicates the subjects/topics/objectives to be taught in each year/ term, and to which groups of children. Each subject area also has a long term scheme of work that identifies the objectives to be covered.
- In the EYFS topics are planned half-termly over the year.
- At Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 English, Science, RE, PE, PSHCE, MFL (only KS2), D&T, Art and Design are planned on a two year rolling program.
- At Key Stage 1 termly topics are planned on a two year rolling program. At Key Stage 2 termly topics are planned on a four year rolling program.
- Two year rolling plans direct the learning in paired year groups: Y1/2; Y3/4; Y5/6.
- We review our long-term plan on an annual basis.
- Pupils in EYFS and Year 1 take part in weekly Forest school sessions.
- The school website provides information to parents on the subjects covered each year. Parents also receive a termly topic web displaying the subjects taught that term.

Medium term planning: (Termly)

- Medium-term plans, give guidance on the objectives and teaching strategies used when teaching each subject/ topic and summarise a series of lessons over time e.g. term.
- Medium-term planning objectives are taken directly from the statutory documents. We use national and local schemes of work and a range of other imaginative planning documents to support our medium-term planning in the foundation subjects.
- At the start of each topic pupils are provided with opportunities to contribute to planning, to assess their pre knowledge and to develop their own interests.
- Medium term plans are developed in paired year groups: Rec; Y1/2; Y3/4; Y5/6.
- Standardised planning formats are used for English, Maths, Science and Foundation subjects.
- Plans are stored in the Staff only shared area on the network.

Short-term plans: (Weekly & daily)

- Short-term plans are those that our teachers write on a weekly/ daily basis, particularly for Maths and English. We use these to set out the learning objectives for each session, and to identify what resources and activities we are going to use in the lesson.

- Standardised planning sheets are used for English, Maths and foundation subjects.
- Medium term plans in the foundation subjects provide the necessary weekly/ daily details.
- Teachers complete a weekly overview of their week which is submitted to the headteacher each Monday.

Cross curricular planning:

- Initial planning identifies opportunities for cross curricular work, including English and topic based work in English lessons. Termly cross-curricular Maths days are also planned.
- Key Stage curriculum maps indicate the opportunities for cross-curricular planning and topic led activities. Additional information indicates opportunities for enterprise, cooking/ growing, diversity, visits/ visitors and learning skills.
- At Key Stage 1 & 2 we teach English, Maths, Science, RE and computing as discrete subjects, but appropriate, links are developed into and across subject areas to provide purpose and a context for learning. The use of quality texts in English provides a provocation for work across the curriculum.
- Foundation subjects are taught through links to humanity led topics (e.g. D&T/ art linked to a History topic on WW2), which may mean that a child may concentrate in one term on a History topic, then switch to a greater emphasis on Geography in the next term (although Geography links are picked up where appropriate in History units). Over the three terms of the academic year, each child has the opportunity to experience the full range of National Curriculum subjects.
- Children are provided with opportunities to develop their own research, mini topics and presentation ideas. Topic books encourage thoughtful, imaginative and independent approaches to learning, recording and presentation.
- Additional enrichment activities are sourced to enhance learning e.g Ogden Trust science activities and all children are encouraged to take part in additional arts, music, performance and drama activities as they are important activities in encouraging their confidence and communication skills e.g. KS2 topic diversity performances; Year 4 ensemble; Singtastic.

Learning objectives/ success criteria:

- Staff develop and use learning objectives from the National Curriculum to direct their planning and teaching, whilst providing a focus for pupils on their learning.
- Learning objectives focus on the learning in lessons, rather than the context or activity to ensure clarity on learning outcomes.
- Learning objectives are presented to pupils at the start of lessons or constructed with pupils over a lesson to promote pupils engagement and ownership of learning.
- Teachers and pupils clarify learning objectives using success criteria which promote pupil ambition and focus the understanding of progress across a lesson or series of lessons, standards for each year group and potential outcomes.

The Hidden curriculum:

- The school ethos, the values it promotes and the ways in which we treat each other has a fundamental effect upon children's desire to learn, their sense of belonging and their evaluation of the world around them.
- At Bidford on Avon C. of E. Primary School we encourage all children to appreciate the people and environment around them and wish for them to become curious, thoughtful, confident, compassionate and emotionally literate individuals. This is supported by our Christian foundation.
- Our underlying Christian foundation offers a vision of what it is to be a human being irrespective of a person's faith. The development of character manifests itself in the spiritual, social, intellectual and wider dimensions of school life. Character is formed by the year-in, year-out development of patterns of thought, response and behaviours that become part of who we are.
- A robust pastoral support system, led by our Wellbeing staff team, promotes the health, safety, emotional wellbeing, aspiration and inclusion of all pupils. It compliments our PSHCE curriculum promoting emotional literacy, safe behaviours including online safety, social awareness and responsibility.

- The Protective Behaviours programme also provides an opportunity for pupils to develop an understanding of self, their self-worth, self-esteem and their right to feel safe. It gives pupils strategies to deal with difficult situations and have the confidence to stand up for themselves or ask for help from others.
- A range of activities and instruction supports the school's ethos. School rules are seen in the context of living together, individual responsibility, keeping safe and achievement. Pupils and staff are encouraged to be role models through their day to day behaviour or roles and through the development of leadership and cooperation skills: house captains, school councillors, Year 6 managers, Playground Pals, membership of school groups e.g. science committee; eco committee, science officers; e-safety officers; road safety officers.
- The use of questioning, discussion, research, collaboration and the development of listening, communication, thinking and problem solving skills encourages pupils curiosity and self-directed learning.
- Ambition, resilience, hard work and determination are encouraged through exciting experiences, high expectations, clarity around learning and a positive approach to the highs and lows of developing a secure understanding or competence.
- Spiritual and moral development grows through daily collective worship and an atmosphere of respect, tolerance and inclusion.

Timetabling:

- Planning guidance (see appendix) provides information on the time allocated for each subject area. This has been designed to ensure that the focus on English, Maths and Science objectives is robust and that all subject areas have sufficient time to ensure a good quality of teaching and learning.
- Subjects are taught daily, weekly or termly and where appropriate subjects are taught in blocks (e.g. art, D&T, science) over each term, with appropriate links developed between subject areas.
- Focus subject days are also used to develop deeper learning and extended activities e.g. RE days; Sport enrichment days; topic launch days; themed days – Book day.
- All children take part in daily English, Reading and Maths lessons, including phonics work at KS1.
- Maths is set in KS2 with pupils working in ability groups within Upper KS2 and Lower KS2.
- All staff complete a phase curriculum overview which is sent home to parents outlining the terms work and submit a weekly timetable outlining the work for their class.

Assessment:

- A range of summative and formative assessment approaches are used to measure pupils attainment and progress against national curriculum objectives – see assessment policy.
- Key Stage teams evaluate curriculum outcomes at the end of each term and record termly assessments against each subject area. Subject leaders evaluate standards in each subject at the end of the year, collating cohort data and produce an annual report on standards..

4. Curriculum subject coverage:

- The school follows the national curriculum organised on the basis of 2 Key Stages (Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2) including 10 subjects at KS1 and 11 at KS2 classified in legal terms as 'core' and 'other foundation' subjects. It also makes provision for personal, social, health, cultural and economic education (PSHCE), drawing on good practice. The Core subjects are English, Maths and Science.

	Key stage 1	Key stage 2
Age	5 – 7	7 – 11
Year groups	1 – 2	3 – 6
Core subjects		
English	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓
Science	✓	✓
Foundation subjects		

	Key stage 1	Key stage 2
Art and design	✓	✓
PSHCE	✓	✓
Computing	✓	✓
Design and technology	✓	✓
Languages - French		✓
Geography	✓	✓
History	✓	✓
Music	✓	✓
Physical education	✓	✓
Religious education	✓	✓

- **Computing and information, communication technology:** A broad range of technology is used across the curriculum to develop pupils computing, ICT, online safety and cross-curricular skills. In line with the national curriculum all pupils take part in a taught computer lesson following a local scheme of work (Warwickshire LA/ Switched on Computing) but also learn a broad range of skills using technology to develop learning across the wider curriculum. As part of the whole school approach to computing all pupils learn about being safe online and the potential dangers of using the internet and social media.
- **PSHCE/Safeguarding and PREVENT:** Pupils are taught about health, equality, British values, relationships, emotional literacy and how to keep themselves safe through a planned range of taught activities outlined in the school's Personal Social Health and Cultural Education scheme of work (PSHCE) including the Taking Care Project (Protective Behaviours Training), Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL), Science, Sex Education and E-safety included within the local computing scheme of work. Pupils also learn about Fire safety, Cycle proficiency and First Aid.
- **Sports and health:** Science, PSHCE and PE promote pupils understanding and engagement in sport, keeping fit and developing a healthy lifestyle. Pupils take part in weekly PE lessons, following an extensive scheme of work (Val Sabin) and a broad range of additional and extra –curricular sports activities, including after school clubs, interschool sports competitions, house events, sport enrichment days, wake and shake sessions, additional sport skill development classes. Science lessons investigate the human body, healthy food, the effects of exercise and the potential dangers of medicines and drugs.
- **English:** The overarching aim for English in the national curriculum is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. The programmes of study for English are set out year-by-year for key stage 1 and two-yearly for key stage 2 and have been adapted into a whole school scheme of work based around a two year rolling programme for each key stage. All children take part in a daily English lesson, guided reading session and at KS1/ EYFS a daily phonics lesson. Additional lessons on spelling, punctuation and grammar are also planned. Linking quality texts are used within English lessons to promote pupils love of reading and as a stimulus to inspire high quality writing. Texts are also chosen to link to the wider curriculum, particularly the terms humanities project and cross-curricular work. Opportunities for speaking and listening and drama are included within medium term planning.
- **Maths:** All children take part in a daily Maths lesson. The school follows the Abacus scheme of work, which provides a programmes of study for mathematics set out year-by-year for key stages 1 and 2. The curriculum aims that all pupils become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, reason mathematically and solve problems. They should also apply their mathematical knowledge to science and other subjects. The programmes of study for mathematics focuses on number, calculation, measure and geometry, also introducing Algebra, Statistics and Ratio and Proportion over KS2.
- **Science:** Science education provides the foundations for understanding the world through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics. Through building up a body of key foundational knowledge and concepts, pupils are encouraged to recognise the power of rational explanation and develop a sense

of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena. They are encouraged to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave, and analyse causes. The programmes of study for science are set out year-by-year for key stages 1 and 2. The school scheme of work develops a two year rolling programme for each Key Stage.

- **Art, design and technology:** Work in art, design and technology is linked to the humanities topic where appropriate and is often taught in a block. The school has an art and design scheme of work (Suffolk education) which promotes pupil's development of a broad range of artistic skills and their creative, cultural and historic understanding of art and design. Units of work focus on experience of Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Collage, Textiles, Sculpture and 3D. The school follows a Design and technology scheme of work produced by the Design and Technology Association (DATA) focusing on the six essentials of good practice: a defined user, clear purpose, functionality, informed design decisions, innovation and authenticity. To ensure that children receive the breadth of learning required by the National Curriculum each term's units of work addresses a particular aspect of the subject. At KS1, these are mechanisms, structures, food and textiles, and at KS2 mechanical systems, electrical systems, structures, food and textiles.
- **Humanities:** National curriculum humanities are organised into a two year rolling topic programme at KS1 and a 4 year rolling programme at KS2. Each termly topic addresses a discreet history or geography focus but also promotes relevant objectives from the alternative subject. Cross-curricular opportunities are developed where appropriate to the topic and summarized in planned topic overviews and curriculum topic maps
- **Music:** The music scheme of work (Charanga) engages and inspires pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians. As pupils progress, they should have a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon. A range of additional musical activities reinforce their opportunities to sing, use their voices and to create and compose music.
- **Languages:** Pupils study French at KS2. A high-quality languages education fosters pupils' curiosity and deepens their understanding of the world. It enables pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing.
- **R.E:** The Warwickshire Agreed syllabus provides the basis for RE teaching across the school. Additional themed RE days supported by the Diocesan education officer are also planned.
- Schemes of work and related resources are reviewed annually as part of the subject coordinator evaluation process.

The Foundation Stage:

- The curriculum that we teach in the Foundation class meets the requirements set out in the revised National Curriculum at Foundation Stage. Our curriculum planning focuses on the Early Learning Goals and on developing children's skills and experiences, as set out in this document.
- Our school supports the principle that young children learn through play, and by engaging in well-planned structured activities inside and outside the classroom. Teaching in the Foundation class builds on the experiences of the children in their pre-school learning. We do all we can to build positive partnerships with our nursery and pre-school.
- In the EYFS topics are planned half termly, with work integrated for each of the areas of learning. A focus on the Prime areas is supported by focused work on the specific areas, which develops over the year to ensure pupils are ready for Year 1.
- Children in the Foundation Stage take part in weekly Forest school sessions which enhances their ability to work together, solve problems and develop their speaking/ listening skills and dexterity.
- During the children's time in the Foundation class, their teacher completes a pupil profile to record the skills of each child using the areas of learning. This assessment forms an important part of the future curriculum planning for each child.

Off site visits and visiting experts:

- Off site visits and visiting experts are actively encouraged, following guidance in the WCC Offsite visit policy and the school Volunteer and Visitors policy.

Parent links:

- Children need the support of parents to make good progress in school. We strive to build positive links with the parents of each child by keeping them informed about the way in which the children are being taught and how well each child is progressing.
- Parents receive termly topic webs and curriculum maps are available on our website. Parents also have access to leaflets outlining the objectives in reading, maths and writing for each year group.
- Termly after school class visits provide pupils with opportunities for children to share work with their parents.
- Parent evening are held termly and provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher.
- Parents are invited to end of topic activities and displays of pupils learning.

Intervention:

- Staff use a range of planning to support intervention work that focus explicitly on finely tuned objectives for children in order to promote their rapid progress.
- A range of daily group and one to one activities are organized to support and extend the learning of individual pupils across the school.

Children with special needs:

- The curriculum at Bidford school is designed to provide access, opportunity and challenge for all children. We seek to ensure that all pupils are valued equally and that they all make progress. We work in close partnership with parents, carers and children. Through early assessment and identification we aim to meet the needs of children with SEND as soon as possible. The school complies fully with the Code of Practice and LA guidance.
- Children benefit from a wide range of expertise and resources within the school meeting Universal and Targeted Needs. A range of activities are planned and regularly reviewed to maximize pupils learning in class and to promote their progress in basic skills. Where necessary Higher level Need interventions are introduced and monitored by external agencies. The school works proactively with other agencies to enhance provision where there is a more complex need. The provision is detailed at all stages of the Graduated Response. At Targeted Provision each child receives an intervention plan and at high level needs pupils receive a Pupil Passport. This is reviewed regularly and targets are set in partnership with children. When a child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHP) a Pupil Passport is issued and renewed regularly. An Annual Review document is reported to Special Educational Needs Disability Assessment and Review service at the LA (SENDAR).
- Children who are deemed Gifted and Talented are identified through the monitoring of pupil performance and work is differentiated accordingly.
- Where children's behavior and attitudes limit their engagement with the curriculum or inhibit their relations with other children therapeutic, pastoral and additional basic skills activities are introduced to promote their self-confidence and positive attitudes to learning. In some cases adaptations are made to their individual timetable to ensure the well-being of all members of the school community. Lunch time nurture groups support vulnerable pupils and their effective engagement in the school community.

Pupil premium:

- Funding for pupils entitled to pupil premium is used to ensure access and engagement in the curriculum and wider experiences within and beyond school.
- Additional support and intervention is provided as appropriate to ensure pupil's good progress and attainment of year group objectives and the national standards.

The role of the subject coordinator, Teaching & Learning Responsibility posts, Assistant Head and Senior Leadership team:

- The role of the subject coordinator is to provide a strategic lead and direction for individual subjects; to support and offer advice to colleagues and the SLT on issues related to the subject; to assist in monitoring pupil progress in that subject area and to provide efficient resource management for the subject. It is the role of each subject coordinator to keep up to date with developments in their subject, at both national and

local level. They review the way the subject is managed in the school and help plan for improvement through a yearly action plan. In partnership with the SLT, subject coordinators review the curriculum plans and standards within their subject, ensure that there is full coverage of the National Curriculum and that progression is planned into schemes of work.

- Key Stage teams evaluate their work termly and provide feedback to subject leaders and the SLT ensuring a cycle of review and improvement.
- The senior management team takes responsibility for the whole curriculum and standards across the school and for designing, implementing and monitoring whole school strategic planning.
- TLRs are members of the Senior leadership team and/or Key Stage managers for KS2 and KS1. They take responsibility for standards within designated core curriculum subjects, monitor standards and planning within them and take responsibility for leading and managing identified improvement areas.
- The headteacher is line manager for the TLR teachers and monitors their curriculum work.
- The school gives non-contact time on rotation, following the monitoring cycle. This enables staff to carry out the necessary duties involved with their role.

Monitoring and review:

- The governing body is responsible for monitoring the way the school curriculum is implemented. It reviews each subject area as part of the annual cycle of review and development.
- We have named governors for all areas of the curriculum, who liaise with the relevant member of staff.
- The headteacher is responsible for the day to day organisation of the curriculum. The headteacher monitors the timetable of all teachers and works with staff to ensure that every subject area is monitored for progression and continuity. This ensures that all classes are taught the full requirements of the National Curriculum, and that all lessons have appropriate learning objectives. Annual action plans, termly reviews and an annual subject report ensures a robust approach to monitoring standards.

Appendix:

Timetabling:

This is based on 12 weeks per term– allowing time for assessment and additional activities (times may vary).

- 4 English lessons a week
- 5 reading groups a week
- Phonics – KS1 daily/ KS2 spelling twice a week (20 -30 min sessions)
- 5 Maths lessons a week
- 1 Computing lesson a week (1 hour)
- 1 PE lesson a week – (1 1/2 – 2 hours); termly PE enrichment days; additional am warm up
- 2 RE days per term;
- Art – 3 units per year (3 days) – 1 unit a term - 1 day creating/ 2 afternoons planning termly
- D&T – 3 units a year (3 days) – 1 unit a term – 1 day making/ 2 afternoons design/planning termly
- Music – 3 afternoon sessions termly (5 hours) + enrichment activities e.g. choral singing
- PSHCE – 3 afternoon sessions termly (5 hours); Sex Education Y6 Summer term/ Y5 puberty.
- MFL- 6 hours term (1/2 hour blocks).
- Topic Geog/ Hist (1 topic per term) – 10/12 afternoons available per term (allowing for time spent on trips/ visitors.
- Science – 14 afternoons available per term.

5 am/pm sessions (25 min):

- Spelling – 2 sessions.
- GPS – 1 session.
- Handwriting – as appropriate.
- Times tables – 1 session.
- Exercise – as appropriate.
- Additional maths (calculations) – Rapid recall 2 sessions (with class); 1 session or short 5 minute sessions with main class.

Subject scheme resources:

Subject	Resource
English	Bidford literacy scheme
Maths	Abacus; White Rose; Power Maths
Science	Hamilton trust
Phonics	Floppy phonics
Reading	KS1: Oxford reading tree; Project X. KS2: Oxford Reading Tree; Treetops; Accelerated Reader.
Computing	Switched on Computing; Warwickshire computing scheme
PE	Val Sabin
Art & Design	Suffolk Education
Design and Technology	Design and Technology Association
Personal, Social, Health Education	Taking Care Project (Protective Behaviours Training), Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL).
Modern Foreign Languages	Language Nut
Music	Charanga; Music Express. KS1 Ocarina; KS1 & LKS2 Singtastic choral singing.
RE	Warwickshire Agreed syllabus
History	Hamilton Trust; Historical Association.
Geography	Hamilton Trust; Geographical Association.

Schemes of work and resources are evaluated each term by phase teams and annually by the Subject coordinator.