



OLD BEXLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love God, Love Each other Love Learning

Happy children and limitless learning in an Anglican Christian school

A place where everyone can flourish

This information sheet is designed to help you understand what and how your children are learning at school, particularly with the new National Curriculum.

Curriculum and Assessment:

- Nursery and Reception children study the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) curriculum, whilst pupils in years 1-6 study the National Curriculum.
- In line with Government policy, we are using our own assessment system to track every pupil's progress. All teachers assess pupils in every lesson in order to plan effective learning opportunities for every child.
- The end of Year 6 assessments will continue to be very important for all children when they move to their secondary schools as their results will be used to predict their GCSE grades and help you to ensure your child is being challenged and kept on track for the grades they are capable of.
- The themes and topics each year group are being taught are on the school's website under Curriculum/Termly Overviews.

Teaching and Learning:

Teachers use continual assessment to ensure they are planning challenging experiences for every pupil in their class. At Old Bexley C of E Primary we use marking, feedback and success criteria to support children in their progress.

Whilst we develop the new Curriculum to meet the needs of our children, we are also working to develop the children's independence and resilience in learning. You may hear your children talk about having the freedom to challenge themselves further by having access to higher level tasks. These are planned, directed and monitored by teachers. Through this work, we are seeing significant improvements in pupils' engagement with higher levels of thinking and challenge. The children are showing increased motivation, engagement, enjoyment and keenness to persist with tasks.

Specialist Teaching:

Across the school, some pupils receive specialist teaching based on assessment of need. Your child's teacher will discuss this with you.

It is a legal requirement for all teachers to have 10% of their timetable for planning, preparation and assessment (PPA). We have found using specialist teachers and coaches for specific subjects is having a positive impact on pupil progress in KS2. They cover PPA release as follows:

Year 3: Thursday -Music, French, Maths

Year 4: Monday – French, Maths, PE, Spellings

Year 5: Tuesday – PE, Music, French

Year 6: Wednesday - PE, Music, French

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.