

St Edmund's and St Thomas' Catholic Primary School – Independent Learner Milestones



KS2 Y5&6 – 'Architects of Our Own Learning'

Independent Learner Indicators	Pedagogy/Provision
By the end of Y6, a typical learner will:	A curriculum which teaches fundamental skills and incorporates opportunities for children to put the skills into practice and apply them across subjects. Learning is contextualised, relevant and purposeful. Where possible, it is rooted in 'real life' and opportunities are created for presenting learning to a range of real audiences. Units of work are devised to ensure learning experiences are given ample time for the development of knowledge and understanding and application of skills. Learning is in depth and for a sustained period of time.
- Be 'invested' in their learning outcomes. They are self-motivated; living and breathing the learning and want to continue it outside of school. Being self motivated means they have natural resilience; able to manage their own feelings	The curriculum allows children to take ownership of some aspects of their learning. They are able to make choices about themes/topics/lines of enquiry to pursue and how they present their learning. Children are involved in the longer-term planning for a theme at the beginning, choosing different ways to express their learning depending on their strengths and interests.
 focus their attention and reach the 'flow' state when working. Set goals by breaking a long-term plan into small achievable steps so they can overcome obstacles. 	strengths and interests. Children are immersed into a theme through a dilemma led approach. This approach includes the children in the selection and direction of the learning content as well as activating their prior knowledge and understanding.
- manage and organise themselves and resources effectively to undertake a process, task, process or investigation	Ideas for themes are adopted from a 'mantle of the expert' approach to learning
Be able to read deeply and research effectively, asking appropriate questions, drawing on prior knowledge, interpreting new information and making links	Discussions and debates take place between groups in class, drama is used to engage children, in role, in a real-life situation. A 'let's say' approach to lessons allows children to become deeply involved in a theme/ situation.

-Locate and extract appropriate information when researching from the	Paired and group discussions are used to plan a particular task on their
internet and be able to summarise and rephrase this in their own words.	'learning journey'.
- Utilise ICT resources and technologies effectively	Tasks, especially writing tasks, have a purpose and real audience where
	possible. Writing tasks that can have a real impact for change. Children
- Be confident to take risks in their learning.	have an audience to share their journeys with as a theme finishes, allowing children to plan the most effective, appropriate way of communicating
-Understand how they learn best and <u>choose</u> to work in a way that suits	their findings, thoughts, feelings, attitudes dependant on their audience
their style. They can self-evaluate and identify areas for improvement	e.g. a play, create Kahoot quiz, assemblies, videos, audio recordings, local
	newspaper, The Champion.
-Adapt and apply learning to new situations. They can cross reference with	
prior experiences and previous learning, apply this to new situations and	Mixed ability groupings are used to support pupils and encourage
problems.	collaboration. Weekly team building exercises are built into the curriculum
In a veta and think exactively	to allow children to opportunity to develop team building skills. A bank of
- Innovate and think creatively.	team building exercises is provided in the classes; so children can adapt and create their own.
-Listen to a range of opinions and make their own decisions.	
	Classroom layouts and resources are flexible and meet the demands/needs
-Understand what is meant by the term working as a member of a team.	of the children; 'stations' i.e. i-pad station, flip chart station, library station,
They can collaborate effectively, appreciating the strengths of others and	image station, object station, whiteboard station, recording station,
empathise with other peoples' perspectives	drawing station, evidence station, question station, home sharing station.
	They are accessible for children to freely use in order to explore a 'theme'
-Be articulate, well organised communicators able to adjust the way they	in different ways.
speak/write (vocabulary and language structures) to match a range of	
situations.	Children are encouraged to use high quality language and the correct
	'question' words when conducting specific, targeted research'.
-Empathise with others, showing an awareness that people express	Least national and global issues and themes are symbolic despessible
emotions in different ways.	Local, national and global issues and themes are explored across the curriculum. Staff and children collectively create a culture of pride and
- Be aware of the significant role they play in taking care of their	respect for our school building and the grounds. We have high
environment, locally and globally.	expectations of staff and children to care for the environment and to keep
	the school and classrooms tidy
	Older children act as role models for younger pupils.
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