



## Our Curriculum Intent Statement



At Swallowfield Lower School the curriculum is designed to encourage children to become lifelong learners. This is achieved by providing first-hand learning experiences, allow the children to develop interpersonal skills, build resilience and become creative, critical thinkers.

Our curriculum acknowledges that childhood is a time that should be happy, investigative and where there is no limit to curiosity and a thirst for new experiences.

### **Our Priorities**

English and Maths are given a high priority in our curriculum. The ability to read and understand opens up learning for children like no other skill. Mathematics develops logical thinking and reasoning skills which help children to solve problems and search for solutions both in school and everyday life.

We place a great amount of importance on improving each child's long term memory to ensure their knowledge and skills are retained for the future.

### **Values Based Education**

We employ a 'Values Based Education' by creating an environment which fosters a culture of respect, kindness and hard work where the highest standards of behaviour are expected.

### **Cultural Capital**

We aim to provide our children with the Cultural Capital they need to succeed in life. Cultural Capital is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that pupils can draw upon and which demonstrates their cultural awareness and knowledge. It is one of the key ingredients they can rely upon to be successful in society, their career and the world of work.

### **Positivity, Individuality, Diversity**

We encourage a positive mindset amongst our children as it is through our mistakes that we learn the most. Every child at Swallowfield is recognised as a unique individual with their own special circumstances and to this end we celebrate the diversity within our school community.

### **Delivery**

To deliver the best curriculum we seek support from across the community. Most importantly from Parents and Carers who are our key partners in developing their own child's knowledge. We encourage all our families to support their children's learning with enthusiasm, involvement and accountability.

### **Departure**

When children leave Swallowfield they will do so with a sense of belonging to a tightly knit community. They have the confidence and skills to make decisions, self-evaluate, make connections and become lifelong learners.