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# The Howard School Vision

#### Educating for 'life in all its fullness.'

Providing opportunities for growth in mind, body and spirit through inspirational and innovative education underpinned by a deeply Christian ethos. Those who learn and work here will develop confidence, embrace creativity and enhance their knowledge and skills so that they can experience 'life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10)



#### Mind

High expectations and aspirations in all areas of school life create an inspirational learning environment where knowledge is acquired through discovery. Creativity, the development of academic habits and skills, and broadening children's hopes and aspirations help to engender an enjoyment for learning and secure excellent pupil outcomes. Learners are well prepared for any future path they choose.



#### Body

Safety and wellbeing of learners is paramount, where every child matters and, crucially knows they matter. Learners are welcome to explore who they are, develop confidence and emotional intelligence thus ensuring that they become the best versions of themselves within an accepting and understanding community.



#### Spirit

Supporting spiritual growth for learners, wherever they are on their faith journey, is central to our community life. Prayer and worship are supported by an innovative curriculum where ideas are expressed creatively to develop the spirit and contribute to life in all its fullness. Our school values of Compassion, Forgiveness, Friendship and Trust are embodied in our nurture and encouragement of all.

#### Theological Rooting of the Vision:

As a Church of England school, the school mirrors the church's vision for an education which promotes 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). Its core purpose is to educate the whole child; uniting excellence and academic rigour with spiritual, social, moral and cultural development - enabling every child to flourish.

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Another way of expressing the idea of life to the full is to ask yourself what's God's story for your life? As educators we understand the importance of our role in facilitating their journey in this stage of God's plan for them.

Jesus said 'Let the children come to me, Do not stop them. For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these' (Matthew 19:14). In saying this Jesus highlights the special place of children and their insight into the Gospel message. Children see what adults have become blind to, therefore have great gifts to offer. We see this in our school community time and time again: in the insight and wisdom of the children, their ability to see what we don't and we have to become like them to gain their wisdom. Are we the right school for you? You are more than welcome to book in a tour and have a look around...

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Trunk – Our Vision Statement The ways in which our vision is feeding the growth of our school.



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**Roots** – What feeds and informs our vision? The context of our school.

Leaves - What is seen? The flourishing and outworking of our vision and the impact of all we do.

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# School History

From it's impassioned founding by Rachel Howard to its designation as a Church of England School, the school has always served the children of this parish, ensured all have access to education, embraced community and has been at the forefront of social mobility. The school is still solidly grounded in these traditions.

### Stakeholder

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Consultations 11 Parents, staff, governors and children were 11 consulted in the 11 development of the vision and their opinions informed its content and h captured all that we stand for and aspire to

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#### School Characteristics - The Community we Serve Links with St. Cuthbert's, the wider community and to local history and tradition help us to flourish.

The school has lower levels of deprivation than the national average so aspiration is prioritised to give children the best life chances.

The proportion of children from diverse backgrounds is low, therefore conscious decisions are made to provide opportunities to encounter a wide range of experiences. Children start school with knowledge and skills higher than the national average so it is vital that this is capitalised upon.

- There has been a significant increase in families seeking support following the pandemic – our vision informs how we support and reflects the key risk factors.
- Further considerations are made to our curriculum based on our knowledge of our pupils barriers to learning.

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### Guided by our vision, we have developed a curriculum that is well sequenced, coherently planned and builds upon the crucial knowledge, understanding and skills that pupils must learn.

Our curriculum serves as the comprehensive framework guiding all aspects of teaching and learning within our school. It is shaped, drawing from our school vision, statutory requirements such as the National Curriculum, and the distinctive characteristics of our local context. It is intentionally broad and balanced, ensuring that all subjects are valued and receive equitable emphasis. Through a focus on character education and social action, we aim to broaden our pupils' horizons and instil the values that are integral to our school ethos. In essence, our curriculum encompasses everything that children experience, both planned and unplanned, in order to support their learning, personal growth, and understanding of British values.

#### Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Our Nursery and Reception classes follow the framework laid down in the EYFS statutory framework which aims to support children's development in seven areas of learning and development.

The three prime areas are:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

There are also four specific areas through which the prime areas are strengthened and applied:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

The EYFS is underpinned by four overarching principles which acknowledge that each child is a unique and constant learner and needs to grow and develop through forming positive relationships in an enabling environment. In addition, children develop and learn at different rates and thus the framework supports the learning of all children including those with special needs and disabilities.

#### Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

As the children progress through the school, the subject areas of the National Curriculum become more distinct. Religious education and worship are an integral part of the children's experience and school life.

The school's defined essential knowledge, which is deeper and broader than the National Curriculum expectation, is taught coherently across all subjects. Reading is key to the curriculum offer and underpins the fabric of the curriculum with high quality and challenging texts utilised across all subjects.

At the heart of the curriculum are a core set of threads all of which ensure the development of socially aware citizens who engage with the wider world and the issues within it: Diversity, Values and Perceptions, Social Justice, Health and Wellbeing, Resilience and Aspirations. Character development punctuates this curriculum.

The curriculum is tailored to meet the needs of our pupils specifically incorporating: purposeful and rich links to local heritage and community, research based pedagogy and in depth knowledge of the school's setting.

This culminates in children who know more, remember more and can do more, ready to experience 'life in all its fullness.'



### Local Curriculum – What do we mean by this?

#### Preparing for Future Pathways:

Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to prepare our pupils for the challenges and opportunities they will face in their future lives. We believe in equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary to confidently navigate the complexities of the world. Our educational approach is holistic, aimed at nurturing responsible, respectful, and active citizens, ensuring they are ready for the next stage in life.

- Foundation as a Church School: Our aim is to provide a holistic curriculum that seeks to engage all aspects of the learner, including mind, body and spirit.
- Stakeholder Questionnaire: Through a comprehensive questionnaire, we sought to understand the unique local context of our school and gather input from parents, children, staff, and governors. This invaluable feedback guided our curriculum development process, ensuring that it aligns with the aspirations and needs of our entire school community. By actively involving stakeholders, we foster a sense of ownership and collaboration, ultimately enriching the educational experience for all.
- Local History: We recognise the importance of our pupils appreciating the history and heritage of Ackworth and the wider local area.
- Low Resilience: Recognising the importance of developing resilience skills among our children, we provide opportunities for them to overcome challenges and setbacks. By fostering resilience, we empower our pupils to persevere in the face of adversity.
- Low Cultural Diversity: Although our school community may lack cultural diversity, we are committed to promoting understanding and appreciation of different cultures. Through our curriculum, we aim to broaden our pupils' perspectives and cultivate empathy for diverse cultural experiences.
- Economic Background: Despite our area's low deprivation levels, we acknowledge the importance of fostering empathy and understanding of socioeconomic disparities. Our curriculum educates pupils about the challenges faced by communities affected by poverty and various barriers, preparing them to be compassionate and socially conscious individuals.
- Semi-Rural Setting: Embracing the unique characteristics of our semi-rural setting, we connect our pupils to nature, agriculture, and local traditions. Through hands-on experiences, we aim to instil a deep appreciation for the environment and our local community.
- **Community Engagement:** We actively nurture partnerships within and beyond our local community, enriching our pupils' educational experiences and strengthening community bonds. By collaborating with local stakeholders and extending our reach globally, we equip our pupils with the skills and understanding needed to thrive in an interconnected world.
- **High Parental Involvement:** Acknowledging the active engagement of our parents, many of whom are professionals deeply invested in their children's education, we prioritise and encourage their involvement in enhancing the learning experience. We provide comprehensive support and resources for families to further enrich their children's educational journey.
- Language Proficiency: Recognising that many of our pupils enter school with language skills above the average level, we strive to build upon this foundation by catering to varying levels of language proficiency.
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND): We provide inclusive education and support for pupils with SEND, ensuring that all learners can access the curriculum.
- Local Issues and PSHE: Tailored experiences based on a variety of sources help to ensure further opportunities to understand the community and national area that they live in as well as equipping them with the tools they need to keep them safe and thrive.
- **Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing:** Our curriculum places a strong emphasis on nurturing the physical and mental health of our pupils and their families. We provide comprehensive support to foster emotional resilience and equip our pupils with coping strategies.
- Environmental Awareness: Recognising the importance of environmental responsibility and sustainability both locally and globally, we aim to instil these values in our pupils. Through initiatives aimed at reducing waste and conserving resources, we empower our pupils to become stewards of the environment, preparing them to make positive contributions to the wider world.
- Digital Literacy: As our pupils are 'digital natives', we integrate technology into teaching and learning, recognising its importance in the modern world.
- **Cultural Heritage:** With its roots tracing back to 1833, our school holds a significant place in the local history and heritage of Ackworth. Alongside the fascinating history of the school, we also celebrate and preserve the broader cultural traditions, customs, and celebrations within our school community. By embracing both the school's legacy and the rich heritage of our locality, we aim to nurture a profound appreciation for our shared history and cultural identity in our pupils.
- Interfaith Understanding: Acknowledging the limits of our ethnic and cultural background, our school maximizes opportunities to explore other faiths and cultures. Pupils delve into various religious beliefs, building upon their prior knowledge to make comparisons with Christianity. This approach broadens pupils' understanding of different religious views and interpretations, fostering respect and understanding among children from diverse religious backgrounds. Through such exploration, we aim to cultivate inclusivity and tolerance within our school community.
- Social Skills: We prioritise fostering strong social skills and interpersonal relationships. Recognising the importance of these skills in navigating life, we integrate opportunities for teamwork, communication, and conflict resolution into our curriculum. We aim to equip pupils with the tools needed to thrive in various social settings, fostering confidence and competence. By nurturing these abilities, we prepare our pupils to interact positively and contribute meaningfully to society.
- Play Opportunities: We recognise the challenges faced by children in our community, such as limited play opportunities due to factors like heavier traffic, busier lifestyles, and fewer safe play areas. Understanding the importance of play in child development and well-being, we prioritise providing ample play opportunities. By doing so, we aim to counteract the effects of 'play deprivation' and ensure that all children in our school community have access to the essential benefits of play, fostering happier, healthier, and more resilient individuals.
- Creativity and Innovation: We nurture creativity and innovation through arts, music, drama, and other creative outlets.
- Physical Activity: We provide opportunities for regular physical activity and sports participation, promoting health and fitness among pupils.
- Global Perspectives: Children will need to navigate the complexities of the modern world. Therefore, we prioritise exposing pupils to diverse cultures, perspectives and world events. By fostering global awareness and empathy, our curriculum equips pupils with the understanding and skills needed to thrive in an interconnected global society.

In summary, our curriculum is tailored to reflect the unique context of our school community and the lived experiences of our pupils with the aim of providing a well-rounded education that prepares our pupils for success in an ever-changing world.



# Reading is key to the curriculum offer and underpins the fabric of the curriculum with high quality and challenging texts utilised across all subjects.

Reading is a gateway into unfamiliar places, other people and alternative experiences. There are three aspects to reading in our school: the first is the teaching of reading which is delivered through high quality phonic lessons and the use of engaging and stimulating reading books which are closely matched to the children's phonic knowledge. In order to understand what they read, there is a focus on fluency which is the ability to read with speed, accuracy and appropriate expression. Reading comprehension is explicitly taught through regular one to one reading, guided reading groups and daily whole class reading lessons using the reading VIPERS as a vehicle to enable children to deepen their understanding and interrogate texts. The second is reading in subjects beyond English and the third is reading for pleasure.

Research in cognitive science suggests that the brain does not make a distinction between reading about an experience and actually encountering it in real life; in each case, the same neurological regions are stimulated. At the Howard School we are strong believers in the 'power of the book,' of children building a sustained relationship with a text over time and coming to understand its perspective and modes of narration, and how they shift. Only by glimpsing these changes and variations as part of a sustained relationship between reader and text can children really learn.

We opt for books of substance. One of the strongest drivers of reading ability is prior knowledge: once pupils are fluent decoders, much of the difference among readers is not due to whether you are a good or bad reader. Much of the difference among readers is due to how much knowledge they have. At Ackworth Howard we use drama and speaking and listening activities such as hot-seating and Conscience Alley to enable the children to explore texts and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the written word whilst experience days linked to class texts allow pupils to develop and extend their knowledge and understanding of vocabulary. Teaching content is teaching reading and our curriculum is designed for this.

Opportunities and expectations for reading are high at school to ensure we are able to build knowledge and vocabulary. Reading builds knowledge and as a by-product, pupils enjoyment. Studies show that there is a high correlation between reading for enjoyment and educational success. We aim to provide a vibrant and stimulating reading environment both inside and out of the classroom which engages the children and fosters a love of reading. Our reading ambassadors are enthusiastic readers themselves who lead by example and promote a reading culture within school, listening to children read, recommending books and taking responsibility for the running of the school library. We actively encourage children to support their peers and reading buddies across school support and encourage developing readers.

Pupils have the opportunity to read widely across the range of curriculum subjects which is fundamental to growing knowledge, vocabulary and ideas. The Howard School library, School's Library Service and carefully selected topic boxes provide stimulating texts to develop their reading and understanding and regular book fairs and themed days encourage the children to read a wide range of literature.

Teachers take responsibility for planning and developing reading for pleasure which complements more formal approaches to the teaching of reading. The Howard School Reading Spine ensures that children have access to a wide and varied range of texts as they progress through school. Teachers effectively use their wider knowledge of children's literature and other texts to enrich children's experience and pleasure in reading, let children control more of their own reading and exercise their rights as leaders. They make time and space for children to explore texts in greater depth; share favourites and talk spontaneously about their reading.

Teachers engage in their own reading of children's literature to develop their own subject knowledge and are encouraged to talk about the materials they read. They are able to make recommendations and broaden the range of what the children would normally read.

Another aspect of reading for pleasure is being read to for pleasure. Children enjoy the experience of being read to by their teachers which helps children build an emotional relationship with books.



## Our School Values

Our aim is to provide a holistic curriculum that seeks to engage all aspects of the learner, including mind, body and spirit. Its philosophy is based on the premise that each person finds identity, meaning and purpose in life through connections to their local community, to the natural world and to Christian values. All essential qualities in enabling people to flourish – both adults and children!'

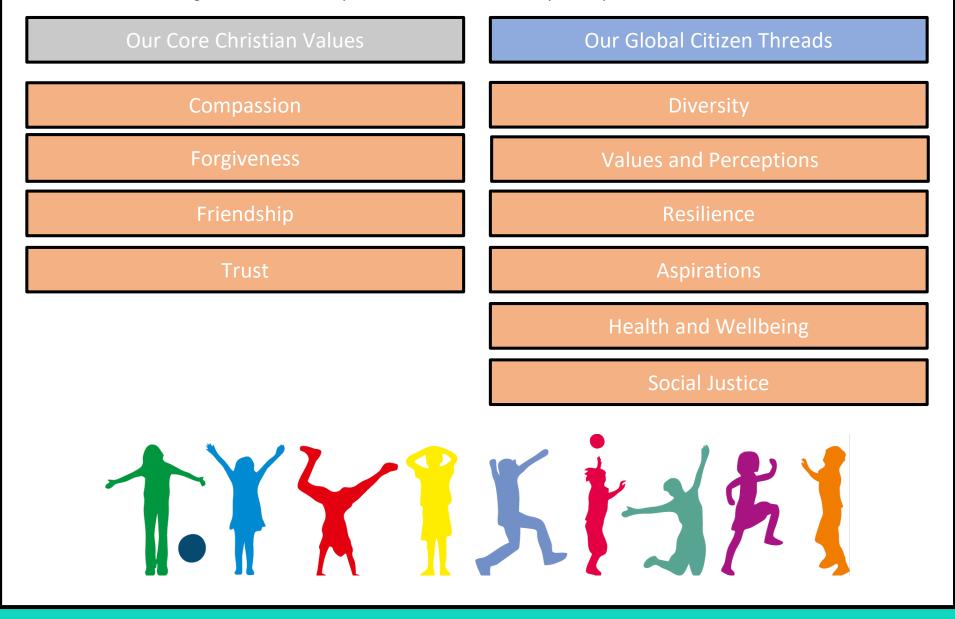
Our school values consist of two strands: Our Christian Values and our Global Citizen Threads.

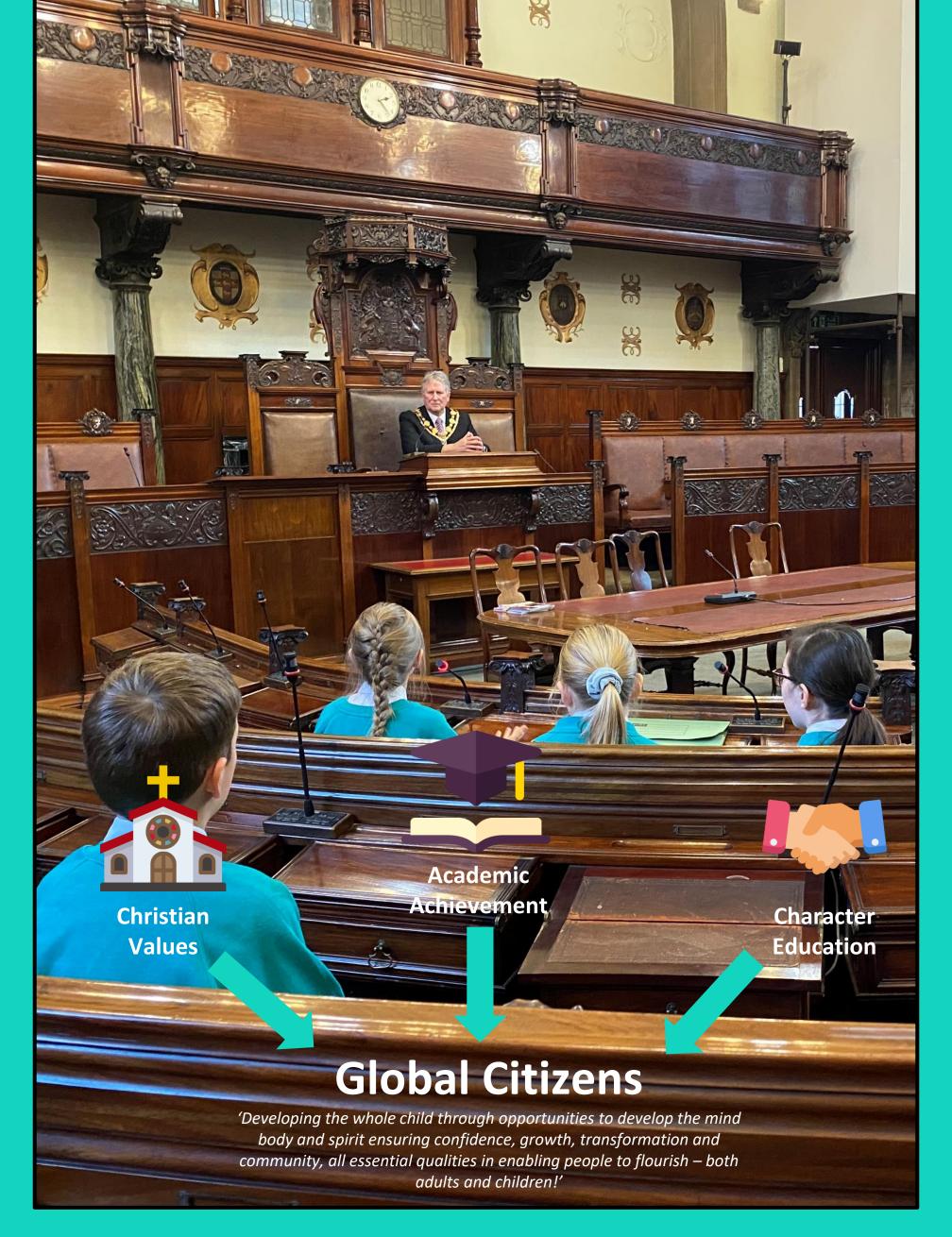
### **Christian Values**

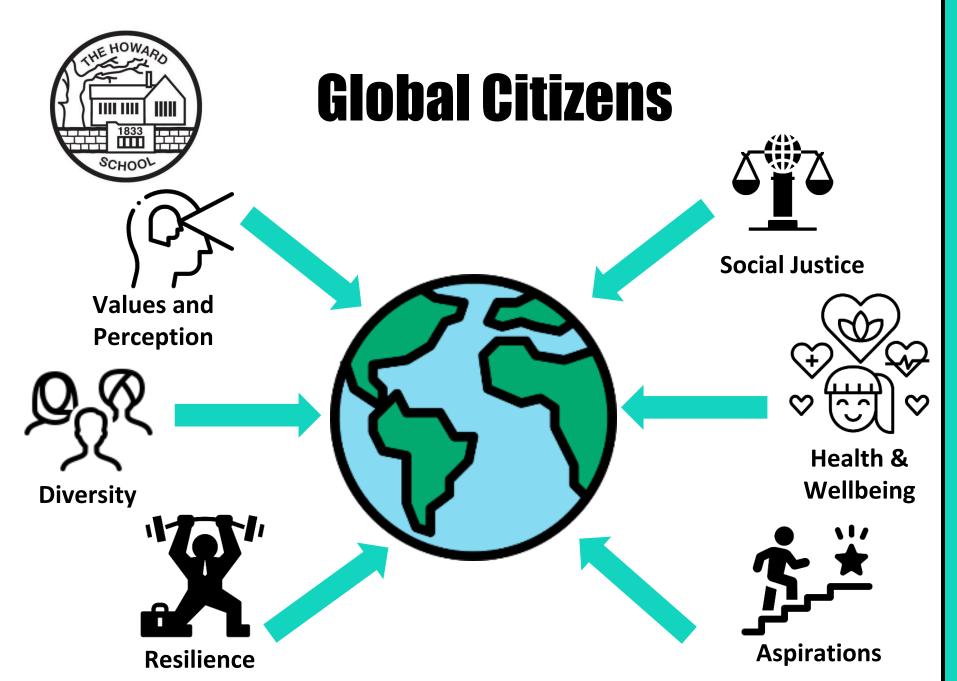
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### **Global Citizen Threads**

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Our curriculum is designed with four goals in mind:

- 1. To provide a well sequenced, coherently planned curriculum that builds upon crucial content and leads to sustained mastery for all and a greater depth of understanding for those who are capable. Each subject has an individual curriculum planning document 'Howard Essentials,' which has been carefully designed by subject leaders to include a progressive balance of knowledge and skills. These essentials are our expected standard for children to be ready for each year group and inform our planning and assessment.
- 2. To give pupils learning experiences that are relevant, purposeful and interconnected. Our children will experience a broad and balanced, local curriculum where cross-curricular links are purposeful and where not subjects are taught distinctly.
- 3. To provide experiences that develop confident, reflective and aspirational global citizens. Our six threads allow children to explore current global themes and develop their own mind, body and spirit. Each thread allows children to broaden their understanding of the world, engage in topical discussion and in the long term develop the understanding of how to be a valued member of the community. The lead questions are developed further through our PSHE curriculum, our Christian values, worship and school reading spine.
- 4. Curriculum threads are designed on a two year rolling programme which is progressive. In the second year of the thread, pupils deepen their understanding of the theme.



# **Global Citizens** Whole School Threads

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This is why we have developed 6 whole school threads that we believe enable pupils to become positive global citizens. Our curriculum is designed to put character education and PSHE at the very centre of what we do. The 6 threads are all characteristics of human beings who make moral informed choices and aspire to make a difference in the world. Interwoven with our PSHE scheme they provide opportunities for our pupils to broaden their understanding of global topical issues, help them understand the world and evaluate choices people make. These 6 threads also feed into our whole school reading spine.



# **Christian Distinctiveness**

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# **Our Christian Ethos**

As a Church of England school we are committed to and proud of our Christian distinctiveness and offer an environment that ensures all children experience the highest quality of teaching and learning opportunities. We actively support the spiritual growth of learners wherever they are on their faith journey. Religious Education has a high profile in school life with lessons providing fully for the needs of all learners.

#### **Community Links**

As a Church of England School, we have strong links with our local church, St Cuthbert's and the local community where we engage and lead in many projects. There are many ways in which these links are forged, including school services at the church, community gatherings, after school activity clubs and regular visitors from the church to lead and take part in worship and events. As well as St Cuthbert's where we hold our annual Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Leavers Services we also have close links with other churches in Ackworth: Methodist Church, All Saints and The Community Church.

#### The Hidden Curriculum

The curriculum, in its wider sense, offers exceptional opportunity for spiritual development. Quality opportunities for pupils to explore situations of injustice and equality so opening pupils' horizons and broadening first-hand experience, gives them a concern for others and a desire to practically undertake actions that challenge these identified injustices through meaningful social actions. A prominent vehicle for this is through the strong partnerships that we have developed. A broad range of enrichment activities enable pupils to flourish and they are supported to be the change they want to see in the world.

In addition to the range of enrichment experiences for our pupils and the experiences of our 'hidden curriculum,' older pupils benefit from two contrasting residential visits which have been carefully planned for specific purposes to meet the needs of our context and vision. The Year 6 residential to PGL Newby Wiske offers opportunity to develop leadership skills such as team work. Pupils also learn new skills, gain self-confidence and independence, develop their social and interpersonal skills and learn to appreciate the countryside and outdoor opportunities. Year 5 children experience our Northumberland residential which directly promotes the school's distinctiveness as a Church of England school, following in the footsteps of St. Cuthbert and making meaningful links, connection and experiences that promote the Christian vision and values.

#### Diocese

Close collaboration with the diocese enhances our practices. Leaders in school share best practice within the diocese and because of this are exposed to best practice from other schools, impacting the development of initiatives such as pupil leadership. Our link with the Diocese also provides learning opportunities for pupils and staff.

#### Global Link

The school has a strong and established link with Tanzania. First hand experiences from the Headteachers visit have been utilised within school. The partnership is highly valued by all and is now an integral part of worship, affirming the Christian values we hold dear. Pupils are able to articulate their thoughts and relate globally about life, therefore developing an understanding of disadvantage, deprivation and the exploitation of the natural world in its truest forms. The school is 'working with and learning from' their global Tanzanian friends.

#### We are proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School - Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder) Worship

As a Church of England school our daily act of Collective Worship is a special time that brings together members of the school community. Our Worship Committee Ministries take an active role in in our worship. The children are very independent when undertaking this responsibility. Worship is led by teachers, children and visitors. During class worships, families are invited into school and we are extremely grateful for the tremendous parental support that we have. Groups of children are encouraged to prepare, lead and evaluate worship based on one of our themes. These opportunities allow them to gain valuable leadership experience and extend their ability to think and reflect on a wide range of global issues. Our worship is further enhanced by visits from our local incumbent. The children are further challenged to think, ask questions and share their views about the world around them.

#### Pupil Leadership

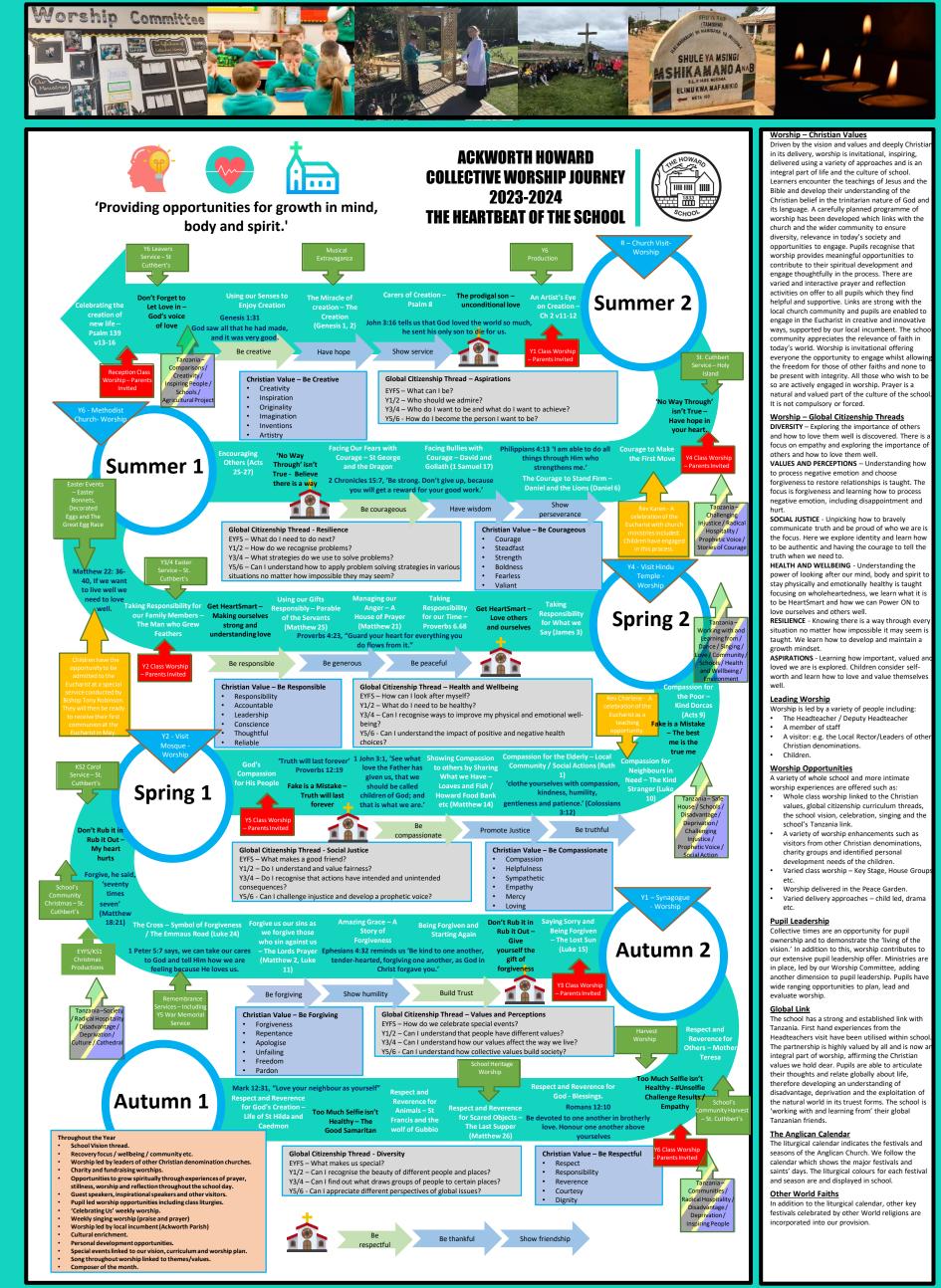
Pupil leadership is the heartbeat of the school. A focus on handing over accountability and genuine advocacy of this has led to pupils living our vision and demonstrating associated attributes such as opportunities to be agents of change, for demonstrating courageous advocacy and affirming what is right, to challenge injustices and to offer radical hospitality. Learners are ambassadors who can make a positive contribution. This focus has also led to pupils feeling more valued as members of the school community, enabling opportunities for children to flourish and for their character development to impact on wider society. Pupils understand that the school advocates that the future is in their hands and we ask them to lead and have accountable independence. They understand that they don't have to wait to give service to others.

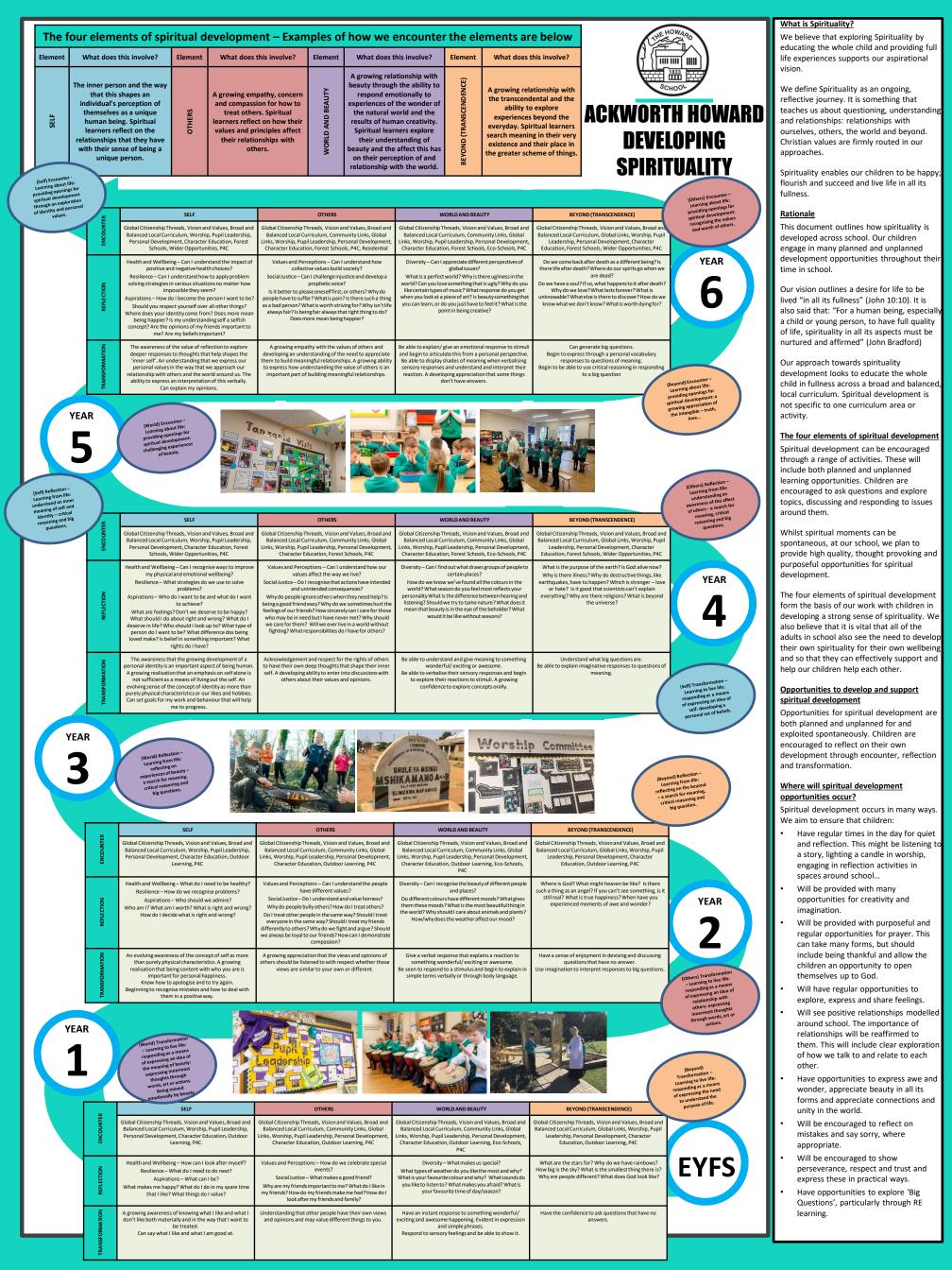
#### Values

As a church school we promote Christian values in everything we do in school. We like to achieve an extended family atmosphere in school to promote a feeling of belonging to a caring community, which in turn creates confidence and security for the children. We encourage all our parents to have regular contact and discussions with us about all aspects of their children's education. Our core values of Friendship, Forgiveness, Compassion and Trust reflect the aspirations we have for each child, to inspire a high level of spiritual and moral reflection and to challenge our learners to take responsibility for their own actions.

#### School Prayer

This is our school, Where **trust** burns bright. Let **compassion** and **forgiveness** begin with me And **friendship** lay in the depths of our hearts, Let us love one another each day. Amen







# Tanzania Partnership

### Working With and Learning From...

The school has strong links with a school in Tanzania. This helps pupils to understand life beyond their own community. Pupils have raised funds to help build a classroom at their partner school. - Ofsted 2020

Strong links have been forged between schools in the Leeds Diocese and Tanzanian schools in the Mara Diocese. Our school is at the forefront of this and an ambassador for the project given Mr. Walkers participation on the most recent visit, his membership of the Tanzania Link Committee, chaired by Bishop Tony Robinson, and taking on the role of Tanzanian Link School's Coordinator, leading within the network of school's and communication with colleagues in Tanzania.

This is a partnership that has gone from strength to strength and is highly valued by the school. The link is part of the fabric of the school and children and staff engage as part of the overall school vision. Using the Tanzania link as a model to inspire change has been proven to impact on children's behaviours as agents of change, the ability to challenge injustice and use their own initiative to fundraise and challenge in other areas.

Over the last few years, strong links have been forged between schools in the Leeds Diocese and Tanzanian schools in the Mara Diocese. Historically this grew from the work being done by the Wakefield Diocese. Over time, schools here have helped raise funds for a huge variety of projects to help communities in Mara. These have included digging wells, building classrooms, providing text books and desks. BUT it is not just about fundraising. Crucially, for the children, it is about learning about other cultures, making friends across the miles and learning key Christian values.

From the visit, many opportunities to learn from the Tanzanian schools have been identified including creativity within the curriculum. Opportunities to enhance the curriculum through this partnership are threaded throughout curriculum plans. Use of Swahili in worship is always enjoyed by the pupils and the offering of prayers, song and music adds to the richness of provision.

More importantly, our work impacts on the lives of communities in extreme poverty and offers hope to many and it is that hope that keeps this network thriving.

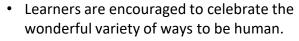


This link is closely aligned to our vision, particularly in developing the spirit:

#### Mind

- Learners educate, communicate and build enduring relationships with internal and external communities.
- A broad and balanced curriculum is promoted.

#### <u>Body</u>



- Human identity in all its forms is celebrated ensuring dignity and respect.
- Learners understand that we are all created equally in God's image.

#### <u>Spirit</u>



- Learners show courageous advocacy, driving ethical decisions affirming what is right.
- Learners are supported to be the change they want to see in the world.
- Learners offer radical hospitality and are welcoming to all.
- Learners challenge injustice and are committed to justice.
- Learners become agents of change.
- Character development impacts on wider society enabling people to flourish together.







# **Personal Development**



### Why is personal development important?

#### "The time is always right to do what's right."

- Martin Luther King Jnr.

Educating for 'life in all its fullness,' by providing opportunities to develop the mind, body and spirit is our core approach in everything we do. We aspire to develop the whole child so that they are well prepared for life in modern Britain and able to contribute positively to society.

Effective provision develops:

- Responsible, respectful and active citizens who are able to play their part and become actively involved in public life as adults
- Pupils' understanding of the fundamental British values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law and mutual respect and tolerance
- Pupils' character, a set of positive personal traits, dispositions and virtues that informs their motivation and guides their conduct so that they reflect wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity and cooperate consistently well with others
- Pupils' confidence, resilience and knowledge so that they can keep themselves mentally healthy
- Pupils' understanding of how to keep physically healthy, eat healthily and maintain an active lifestyle, including giving ample opportunities for pupils to be active during the school day and through extra-curricular activities
- Pupils' age-appropriate understanding of healthy relationships through appropriate health and relationships education.

Effective provision promotes:

- Equality of opportunity so that all pupils can thrive together, understanding that difference is a positive, not a negative, and that individual characteristics make people unique
- An inclusive environment that meets the needs of all pupils, irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

Effective provision enables/supports:

- Pupils to recognise online and offline risks to their well-being for example, local safeguarding issues such as grooming, criminal exploitation, domestic abuse, substance misuse, gang activity, county lines, radicalisation and extremism – and making them aware of the support available to them
- Pupils to recognise the dangers of inappropriate use of mobile technology and social media
- Readiness for the next phase of education, training or employment so that pupils are equipped to make the transition successfully

Effective provision supports spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development:

Spiritual development:

- Ability to be reflective about their own beliefs (religious or otherwise) and perspective on life
- Knowledge of, and respect for, different people's faiths, feelings and values
- Sense of enjoyment and fascination in learning about themselves, others and the world around them
- Use of imagination and creativity in their learning
- Willingness to reflect on their experiences

#### Moral development:

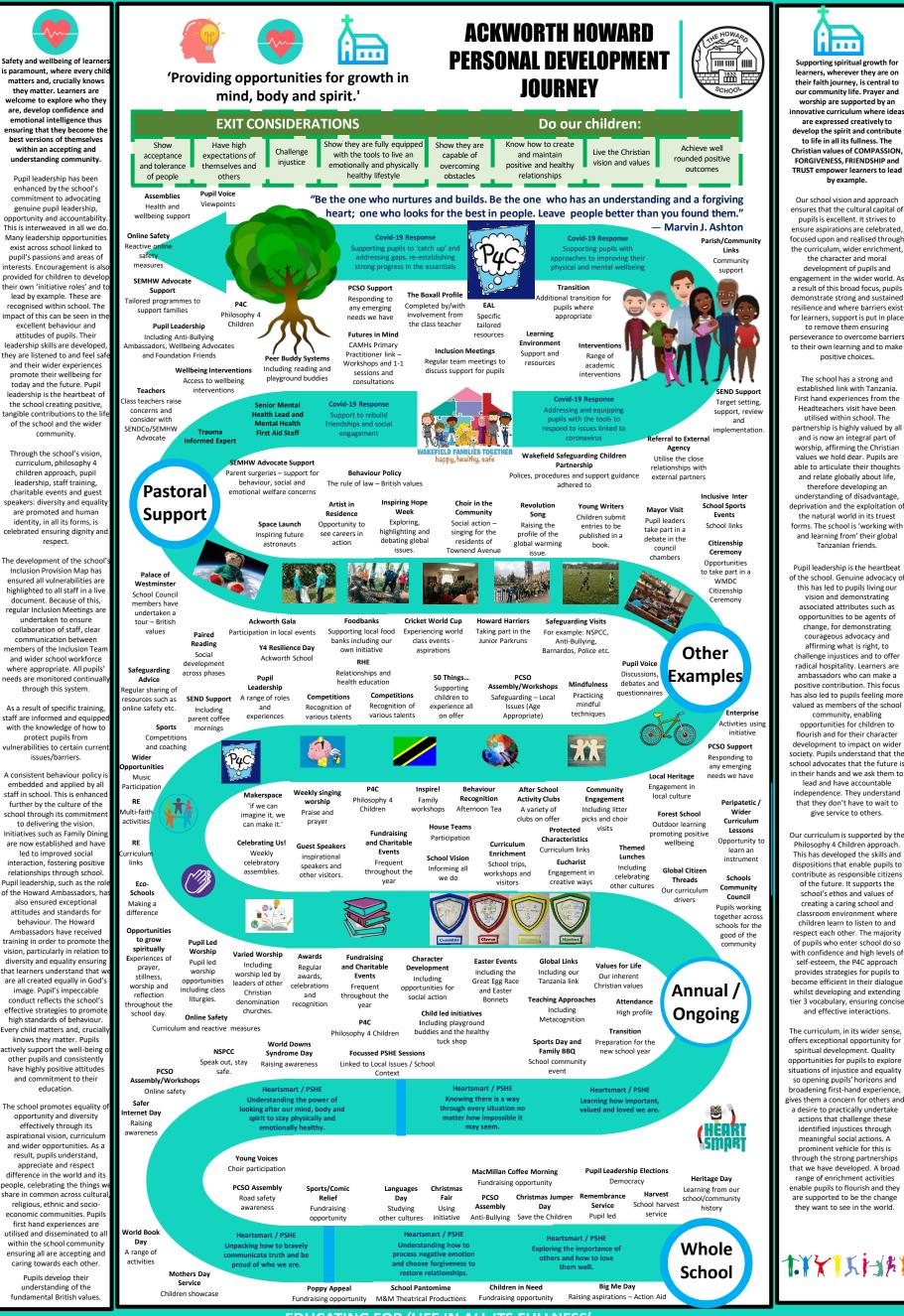
- Ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong and to readily apply this understanding in their own lives, and to recognise legal boundaries and, in doing so, respect the civil and criminal law of England
- Understanding of the consequences of their behaviour and actions
- Interest in investigating and offering reasoned views about moral and ethical issues and ability to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on these issues

Social development:

- Use of a range of social skills in different contexts, for example working and socialising with other pupils, including those from different religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds
- Willingness to participate in a variety of communities and social settings, including by undertaking social actions, offering service to others, cooperating well with others and being able to resolve conflicts effectively
- Acceptance of and engagement with the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. They will develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain

Cultural development:

- Understanding and appreciation of the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage and that of others
- Understanding and appreciation of the range of different cultures in the school and further afield as an essential element of their preparation for life in modern Britain
- Ability to recognise, and value, the things we share in common across cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic communities
- Knowledge of Britain's democratic parliamentary system and its central role in shaping our history and values, and in continuing to develop Britain
- Willingness to participate in and respond positively to artistic, musical, sporting and cultural opportunities
- Interest in exploring, improving understanding of and showing respect for different faiths and cultural diversity and the extent to which they understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity. This is shown by their respect and attitudes towards different religious, ethnic and socioeconomic groups in the local, national and global communities



Christian values of COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS, FRIENDSHIP and TRUST empower learners to lead by example. Our school vision and approach ensures that the cultural capital of pupils is excellent. It strives to nsure aspirations are celebrated, focused upon and realised through the curriculum, wider enrichment, the character and moral development of pupils and agement in the wider world. As a result of this broad focus, pupils demonstrate strong and sustained resilience and where barriers exist for learners, support is put in place to remove them ensuring perseverance to overcome barriers to their own learning and to make positive choices. The school has a strong and established link with Tanzania. First hand experiences from the Headteachers visit have been utilised within school. The partnership is highly valued by all and is now an integral part of worship, affirming the Christian values we hold dear. Pupils are able to articulate their thoughts and relate globally about life, therefore developing an understanding of disadvantage

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deprivation and the exploitation of the natural world in its truest forms. The school is 'working with and learning from' their global Tanzanian friends Pupil leadership is the heartbeat

the school. Genuine advocacy of this has led to pupils living our vision and demonstrating associated attributes such as opportunities to be agents of change, for demonstrating courageous advocacy and affirming what is right, to challenge injustices and to offer radical hospitality. Learners are ambassadors who can make a positive contribution. This focus has also led to pupils feeling more valued as members of the school community, enabling opportunities for children to flourish and for their character

development to impact on wider society. Pupils understand that the school advocates that the future is in their hands and we ask them to lead and have accountable independence. They understand that they don't have to wait to give service to others.

Our curriculum is supported by the Philosophy 4 Children approach. This has developed the skills and dispositions that enable pupils to contribute as responsible citizens of the future. It supports the school's ethos and values of creating a caring school and classroom environment where children learn to listen to and respect each other. The majority of pupils who enter school do so with confidence and high levels of self-esteem, the P4C approach provides strategies for pupils to become efficient in their dialogue whilst developing and extending tier 3 vocabulary, ensuring concise and effective interactions.

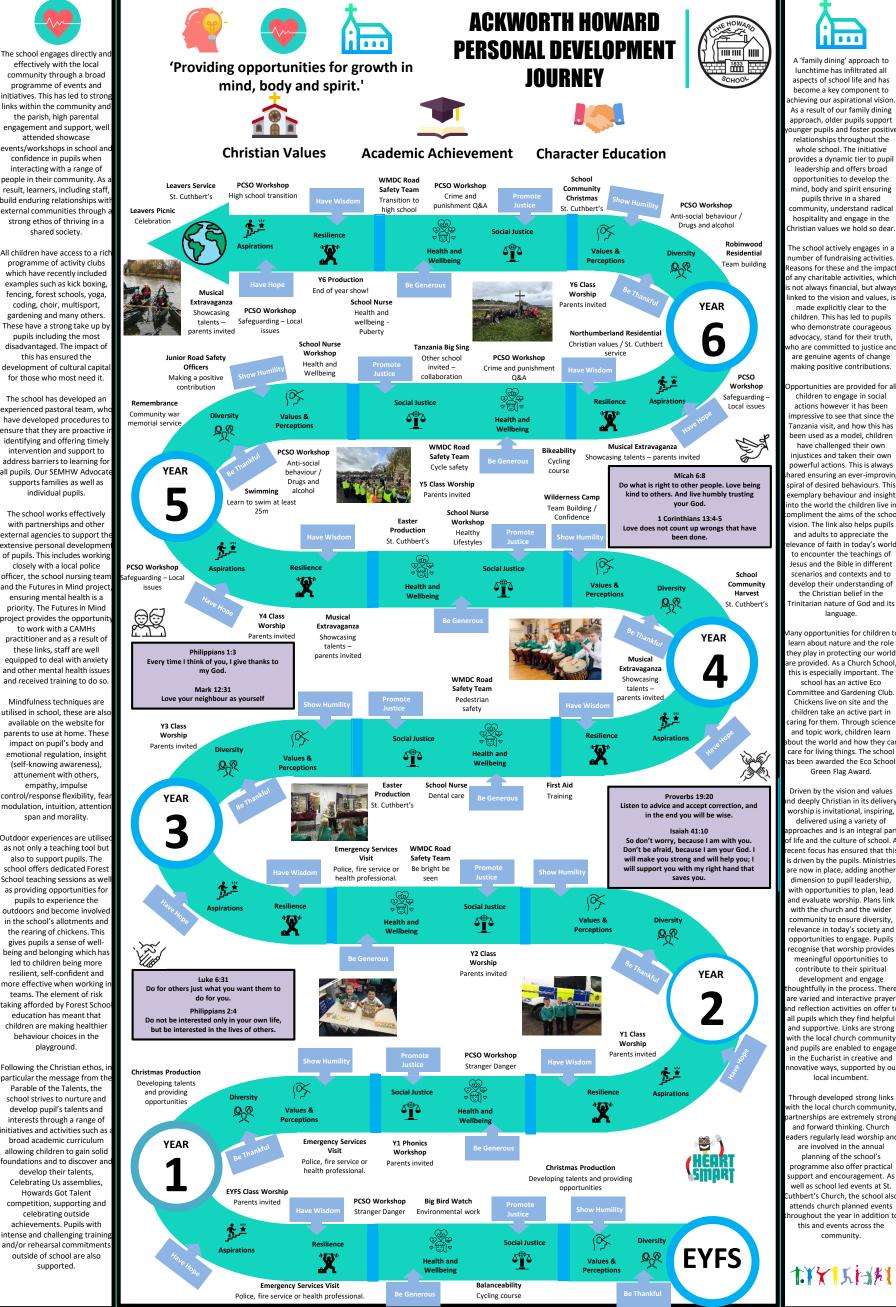
The curriculum, in its wider sense, offers exceptional opportunity for spiritual development. Quality opportunities for pupils to explore situations of injustice and equality so opening pupils' horizons and broadening first-hand experience, gives them a concern for others and a desire to practically undertake actions that challenge these identified injustices through meaningful social actions. A prominent vehicle for this is through the strong partnerships that we have developed. A broad range of enrichment activities enable pupils to flourish and they are supported to be the change they want to see in the world.

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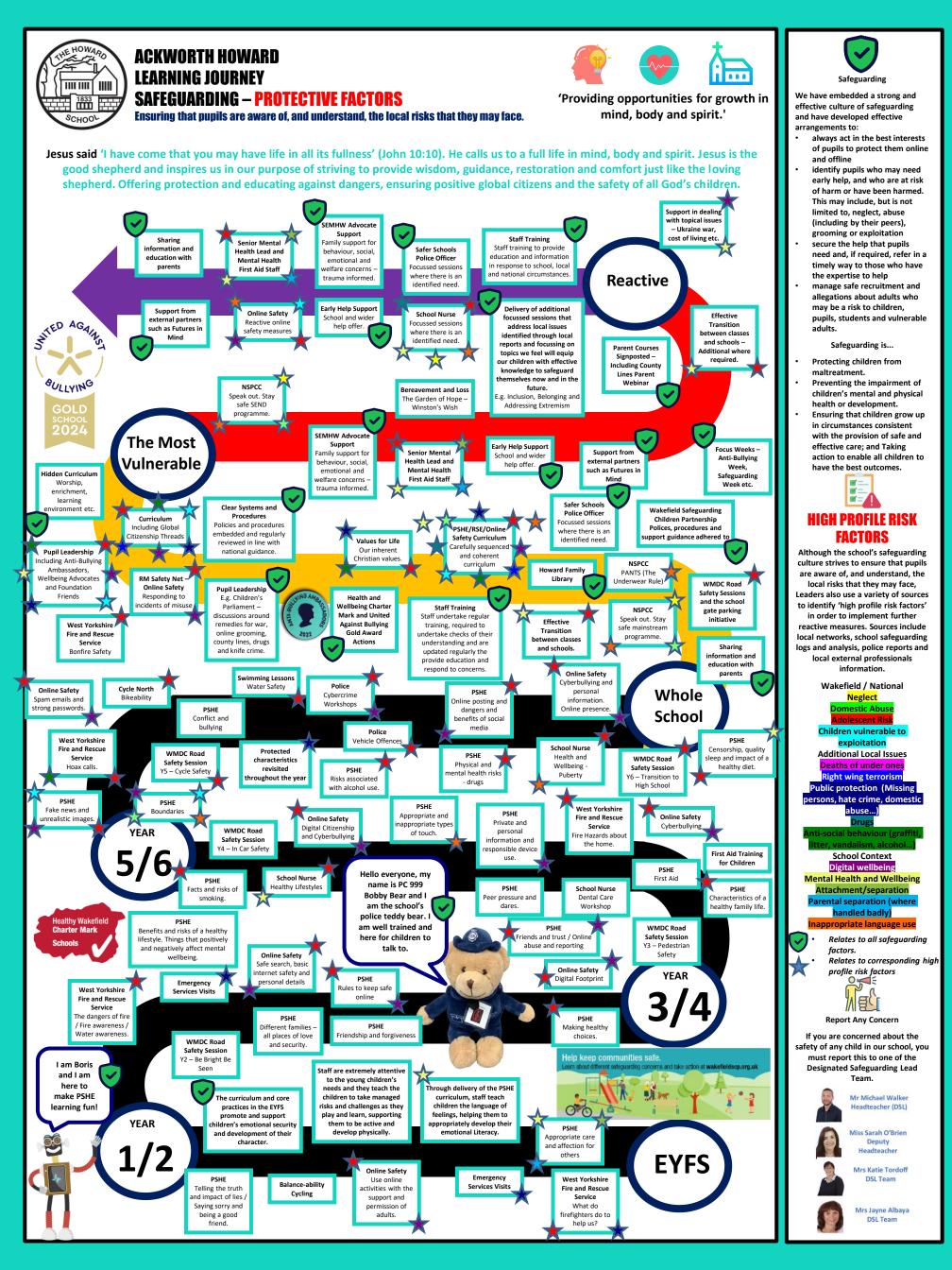
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43. Visit a place of ship on a trip for Religious Studies.

44. Pass your broomstick training at Alnwick Castle.

45. Learn to speak e Swahili, the language of Tanzania.

46. Work together with your parents in stay and learn sessions

47. Retrace the steps of St Cuthbert on ou Northumberland

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48. Take part in

. Howard Heritage Day to celebrate the history of our school.

49. Listen to live music by visiting

musicians or a school

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# **The Early Years**

### Why are the Early Years important?

"Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential. Children develop quickly in the early years and a child's experiences between birth and age five have a major impact on their future life chances. A secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right. Good parenting and high quality early learning together provide the foundation children need to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up." (2021 Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Positive experiences in their early years can benefit children in developing their social skills and their ability to learn, and good quality childcare has been shown to benefit children right through primary school. The Early Years is called the Foundation Stage because it gives a secure foundation for future learning. Childhood is important and we want all children at Ackworth Howard to have many enjoyable, successful and satisfying learning experiences. We aim to develop positive attitudes to learning in all our children.

All children learn best from experiences that are suitable for their stage of development. At the heart of the EYFS is the principle that young children need to play in order to have fun, make friends and to begin to learn and understand about the world around them. Through play children can develop their confidence for learning, social skills needed for personal development, and skills needed for writing, counting and exploring their environment. In that way children become more independent and are able to tackle simple problems.

### Our aims

In the Early Years at Ackworth Howard we aim for all children to access a broad and balanced curriculum that gives them the broad range of knowledge and skills needed for good progress through school and life. We will ensure quality and consistency in teaching and learning so that every child makes good progress and no child gets left behind. We will develop close partnership working between practitioners and with parents and/or carers. Every child will be included and supported through equality of opportunity and anti discriminatory practice

Together we will create a culture of innovation and challenge which will enable our youngest children to flourish and grow into independent, creative and confident learners.



#### Mind

In Early Years we plan our environment to support our chosen topic. Our thematic approach allows children to explore links across the curriculum; enhancing and exciting their learning. Our curriculum values promote all areas of learning, cradling and nurturing all talents; art, sport, mathematics and literacy. The curriculum is designed to recognise children's prior learning from previous settings and their experiences at home, provide first hand learning experiences, whilst allowing the children to build resilience, ambition and integrity.

#### Body



The learning environment in Early Years allows children to access the curriculum in a safe and supported manner. The environment reflects the current needs of the children and constantly adapts to ensure it meets their ever changing needs. Every child is recognised as a unique individual and we celebrate and welcome differences within our school community. The ability to learn is underpinned by the teaching of basic skills, knowledge, concepts and values. We provide enhancement opportunities to engage learning and believe that our first experiences of school should be happy and positive, enabling us to develop a lifelong love of learning.



#### <u>Spirit</u>

In Early Years we promote values which enable children to develop life skills such as: determination, teamwork, independence, respect, kindness, gratitude and consideration. Throughout their time in EYFS, the children develop a sense of belonging to our school community. They have the confidence and skills to make decisions and selfevaluate, make connections and become lifelong learners.



# **ACKWORTH HOWARD EARLY YEARS**



#### **PSHE**



# Reception:

Exploring the importance of others • Understanding the power of and how to love them well. Understanding how to process negative emotion and choose forgiveness to restore relationships. Unpacking how to bravely communicate truth and be proud of• who we are.

looking after our mind, body and spirit to stay physically and emotionally healthy. Knowing there is a way through every situation no matter how impossible it may seem. Learning how important, valued and loved we are.

#### Nursery

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- Understanding how to process negative emotion and choose forgiveness to restore relationships.
- Unpacking how to bravely communicate truth and be proud of• who we are.

Understanding the power of looking after our mind, body and spirit to stay physically and emotionally healthy.

Knowing there is a way through every situation no matter how impossible it may seem. Learning how important, valued and loved we are.

# Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Children's personal, social and emotional development (PSED) is crucial for children to lead healthy and happy lives, and is fundamental to their cognitive development. Underpinning their personal development are the important attachments that shape their social world. Strong, warm and supportive relationships with adults enable children to learn how to understand their own feelings and those of others. Children should be supported to manage emotions, develop a positive sense of self, set themselves simple goals, have confidence in their own abilities, to persist and wait for what they want and direct attention as necessary. Through adult modelling and guidance, they will learn how to look after their bodies, including healthy eating, and manage personal needs independently. Through supported interaction with other children, they learn how to make good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peaceably. These attributes will provide a secure platform from which children can achieve at school and in later life.

### Communication and Language



The development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development. Children's back-and-forth interactions from an early age form the foundations for language and cognitive development. The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a language-rich environment is crucial. By commenting on what children are interested in or doing, and echoing back what they say with new vocabulary added, practitioners will build children's language effectively. Reading frequently to children, and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, and then providing them with extensive opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts, will give children the opportunity to thrive. Through conversation, storytelling and role play, where children share their ideas with support and modelling from their teacher, and sensitive questioning that invites them to elaborate, children become comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structures.

# Physical Development

Physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives7. Gross and fine motor experiences develop incrementally throughout early childhood, starting with sensory explorations and the development of a child's strength, co-ordination and positional awareness through tummy time, crawling and play movement with both objects and adults. By creating games and providing opportunities for play both indoors and outdoors, adults can support children to develop their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination and agility. Gross motor skills provide the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional well-being. Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination, which is later linked to early literacy. Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, arts and crafts and the practice of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence.



# ACKWORTH HOWARD EARLY YEARS



### Literacy



It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading. Reading consists of two dimensions: language comprehension and word reading. Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books (stories and non-fiction) they read with them, and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together. Skilled word reading, taught later, involves both the speedy working out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words (decoding) and the speedy recognition of familiar printed words. Writing involves transcription (spelling and handwriting) and composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech, before writing)..

## **Mathematics**



Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically. Children should be able to count confidently, develop a deep understanding of the numbers to 10, the relationships between them and the patterns within those numbers. By providing frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply this understanding - such as using manipulatives, including small pebbles and tens frames for organising counting - children will develop a secure base of knowledge and vocabulary from which mastery of mathematics is built. In addition, it is important that the curriculum includes rich opportunities for children to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measures. It is important that children develop positive attitudes and interests in mathematics, look for patterns and relationships, spot connections, 'have a go', talk to adults and peers about what they notice and not be afraid to make mistakes.

# Understanding of the World



Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

# Art and Design



The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

# Religious Education



- Reception:
- Why is the word God so important to Christians?
  - Why do Christians perform Nativity plays?
  - Which stories are special and why?
- Why do Christians put crosses in the Easter garden?
- Which places are special and why?
- Where do we belong?

#### Nursery: • God and Me Focus

# **Mathematics**



# **Mathematics**

### Why is Mathematics important?

## 'A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.' Albert Einstein

Mathematics is a fundamental part of human thought and logic, and integral to attempts at understanding the world and ourselves. It provides an effective way of building mental discipline and encourages logical reasoning and mental rigor. In addition, mathematical knowledge plays a crucial role in understanding the contents of other school subjects such as science, design technology and even music and art.

Science, technology and engineering, so essential to the future success of our country, cannot thrive without people having a solid mathematics foundation.

The importance of a solid mathematics education goes much beyond the current conversation of improved proficiency on test scores. Mathematics provides the critical ability to learn and think logically in any field of endeavour. The skills of learning today are more important than knowledge, which is so readily available on the Internet.

Studying mathematics will not only develop more engineers and scientists, but also produce more citizens who can learn and think creatively and critically, no matter their career choices. The workforce of tomorrow, in all fields, will demand it.

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that our Mathematics curriculum should develop: the mind (creative and critical thinkers, continuous improvement, foundations for understanding the world and curiosity of it); body (emotional intelligence and the ability to persevere with a resilient nature to any problems); and spirit (understanding how to thrive in the community of their class, working with each other to embrace change and challenge) of each child.



### <u>Mind</u>

Mathematics at Ackworth Howard school is carefully designed to inter-connect, coherently progress and provide solutions to intriguing problems. Children develop critical thinking skills throughout their time in school, through becoming fluent in the fundamentals; having regular opportunities to reason and solve problems. This leads to a better understanding of the world around them; an enduring curiosity and ambition to improve continuously. The carefully mapped opportunities for learning across other subjects, ensures a deep-rooted understanding of Mathematics within real contexts.



#### <u>Body</u>

The Mathematics curriculum is designed to enable learners to build a resilient nature and persevere with challenging problem-solving and reasoning skills that can be applied to all aspects of their learning and life. It will enable children to develop their emotional intelligence as well as their logical capability, to equip them with the tools for lifelong learning.



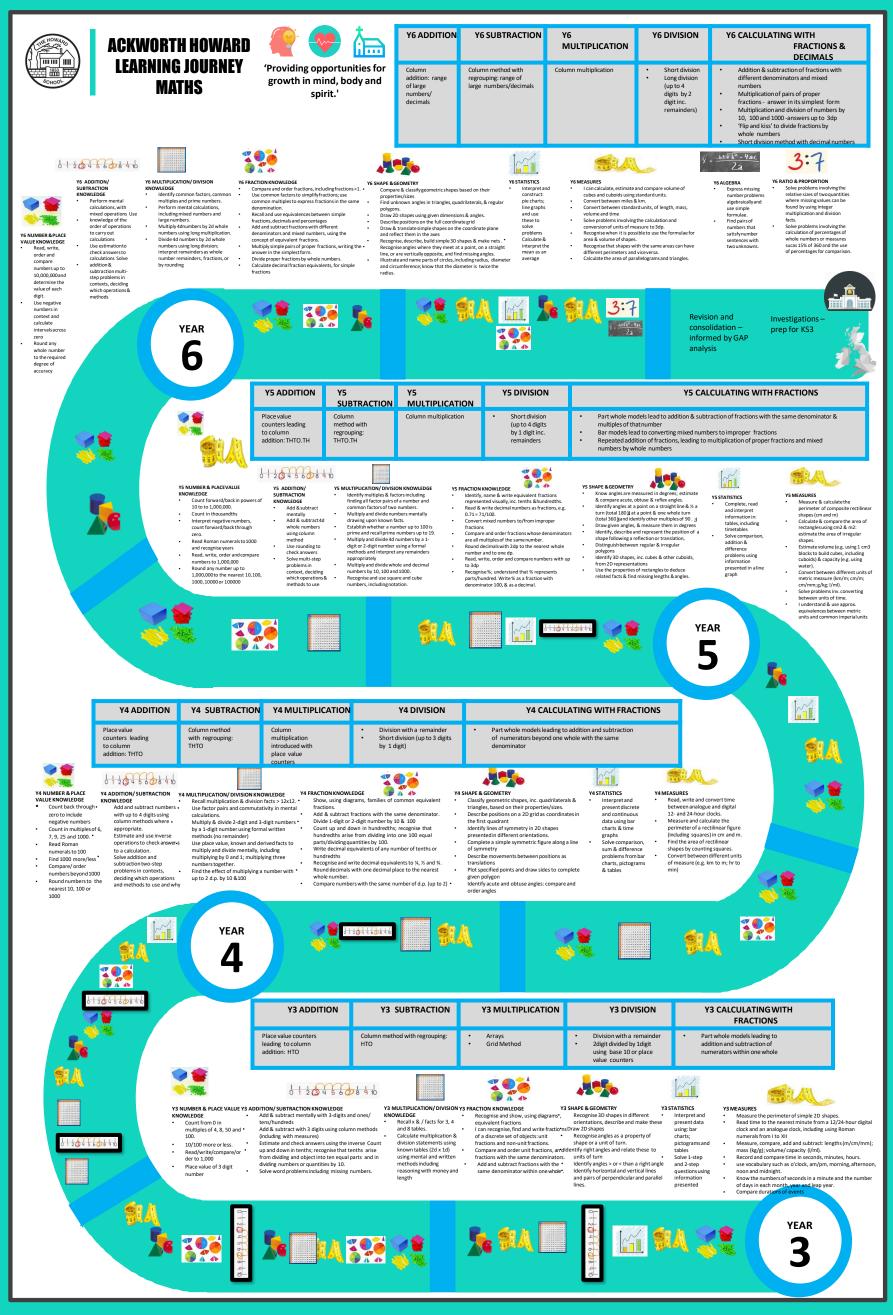
#### <u>Spirit</u>

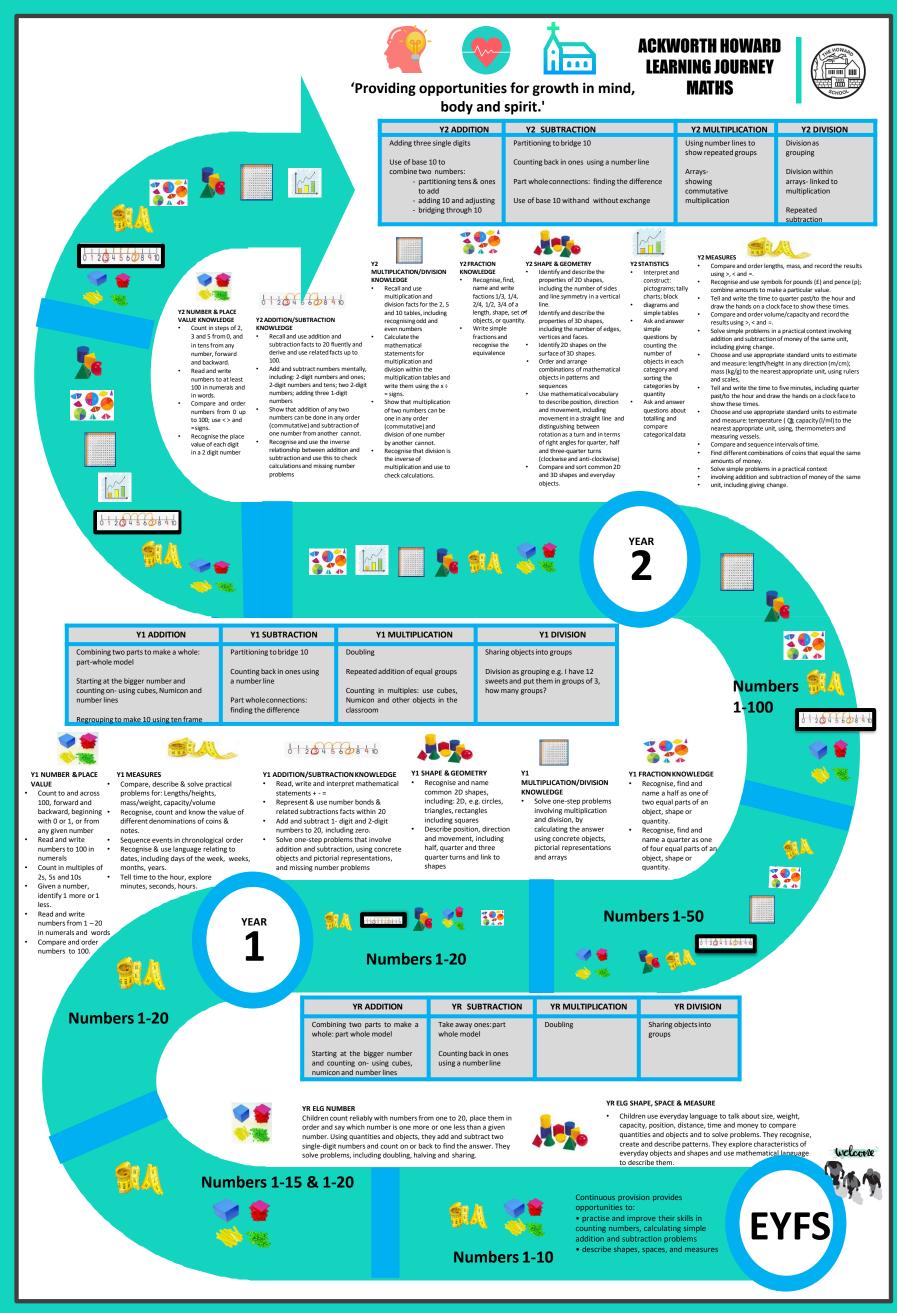
Through a challenging and engaging Mathematics curriculum, learners will thrive in the community of their class, demonstrating how to work with others to achieve the best possible outcomes through supporting themselves and others. They will be confident to embrace change and welcome challenges as a result of their resilient natures.

#### Careers

Careers that include the use of Mathematics:

- Research Scientist
- Finance Industry
- Accountancy
- Statistician
- Meteorologist
- Maths Teacher
- Software engineer
- Quantity survivor
- Research Scientist









# English

### Why is English important?

On a basic level, studying English allows pupils to access a wider range of subjects, opening the door to a wider range of careers and it gives children the important skills needed to navigate through each stage of their lives.

Through English, children learn to read, write, speak, perform, listen, imagine and create. Children are provided with opportunities to learn about other peoples' lives, cultures, opinions and experiences, real or imagined; they discuss, argue and persuade; compare characters' emotions and feel compassion, empathy and anger for the people they read about. English is also a channel for creative minds as they get to experiment with various text types and genres, from the Literary Cannon, to the more modern modes of writing.

The world our children now find themselves in is full of information; the skill of reading enables them to think critically and teaches them how to infer and evaluate what is being directed towards them. Reading broadens our vocabulary and increases our understanding of the English Language. It helps us recognise spellings and allows our longterm memory to store these spellings for life.

Through phonics, drama, role-play, arguments and debates children develop their confidence to speak and listen to others. These are important life skills which we use everyday to interact with others, socialise, work collaboratively and live our daily lives.

Each and every aspect of English creates the foundations of a child's future. It opens up opportunities and equips them with the life skills to take their learning and future in any direction they wish.

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that English should develop: the mind (speaking, reading, writing, knowledge acquisition); body (communicating emotion); and spirit (communicating socially and spiritually) of each child.



### <u>Mind</u>

The English curriculum at our school offers a high quality learning experience for learners. Children are taught to speak and write fluently so that they can confidently, coherently and efficiently communicate ideas to others and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them. Reading underpins the fabric of the curriculum with high quality and challenging texts utilised across all subjects so pupils have the chance to acquire knowledge and build on what they already know.



#### <u>Body</u>

Based on first hand experiences, our curriculum builds confidence and encourages children to develop their independence, communication skills and collaborative working whilst taking risks in a safe environment. The unique talents of every child are embraced.

### <u>Spirit</u>



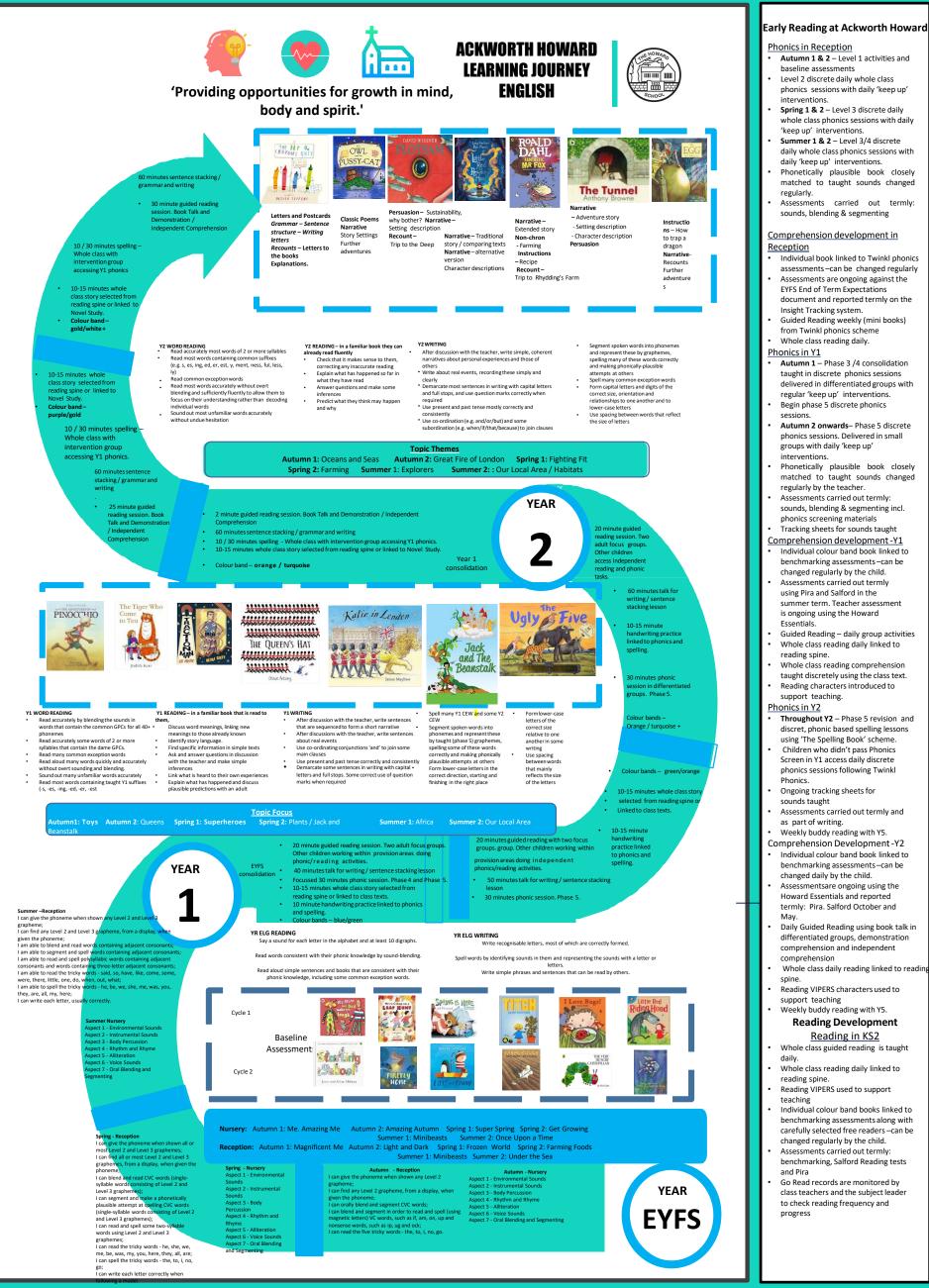
Trust and imagination, the ability to think, reflect and grow morally and socially and cognitively are the bedrock of our curriculum where we aim to create a safe place for children to learn and express their inner most thoughts. Through the study of a range of stimulating texts, children develop a critical understanding of their impact on daily life, society and the wider world around them.

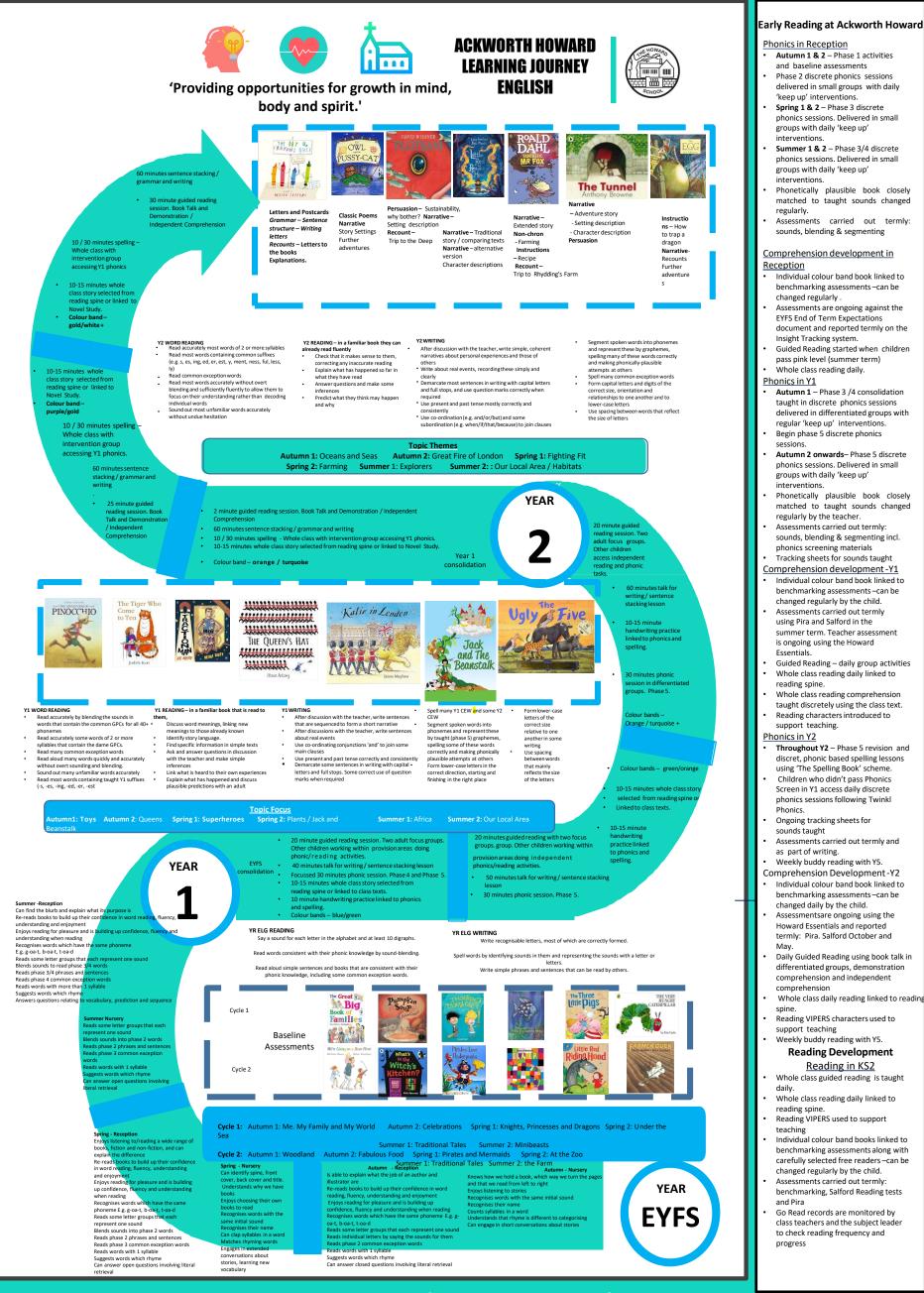
#### Careers

Careers that include the use of English:

- Actor
- Editor
- Copywriter
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Marketing
- Personal Assistant
- Politician
- Proof-reader
- Screenwriter
- Teacher











## Science

### Why is science important?

We are surrounded by technology and the products of science every day. And, of course, the immensely complex natural world that surrounds us illustrates infinite scientific concepts. Children are naturally curious and science should nurture this curiosity and allow them to ask questions and develop the skills they need to answer those questions. As children grow up in an increasingly technologically and scientifically advanced world, they need to be scientifically literate to succeed.

Science and the study of the key concepts allow us to develop understanding of the world we live in and how we, animals, plants and organism interact with it. It allows for investigation and problem solving through the study of physics and chemistry and we learn about how the world was formed and has adapted over time.

Primary science helps pupils to:

- investigate problems
- learn how science works
- discover why science matters in the world

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, our children are natural scientists who are keen to explore, enquire and understand the world around them.



### Mind

To encourage growth in mind, we investigate life processes, materials, physical processes and concentrate on developing children's scientific skills, encouraging them to question, investigate and test appropriately.



### <u>Body</u>

To encourage growth in body, we focus on group work and collaboration, with lots of practical work and experimentation. Through scientific investigations, we aim to build resilience by showing the children that they can learn from their mistakes, and that it is okay to get things wrong!



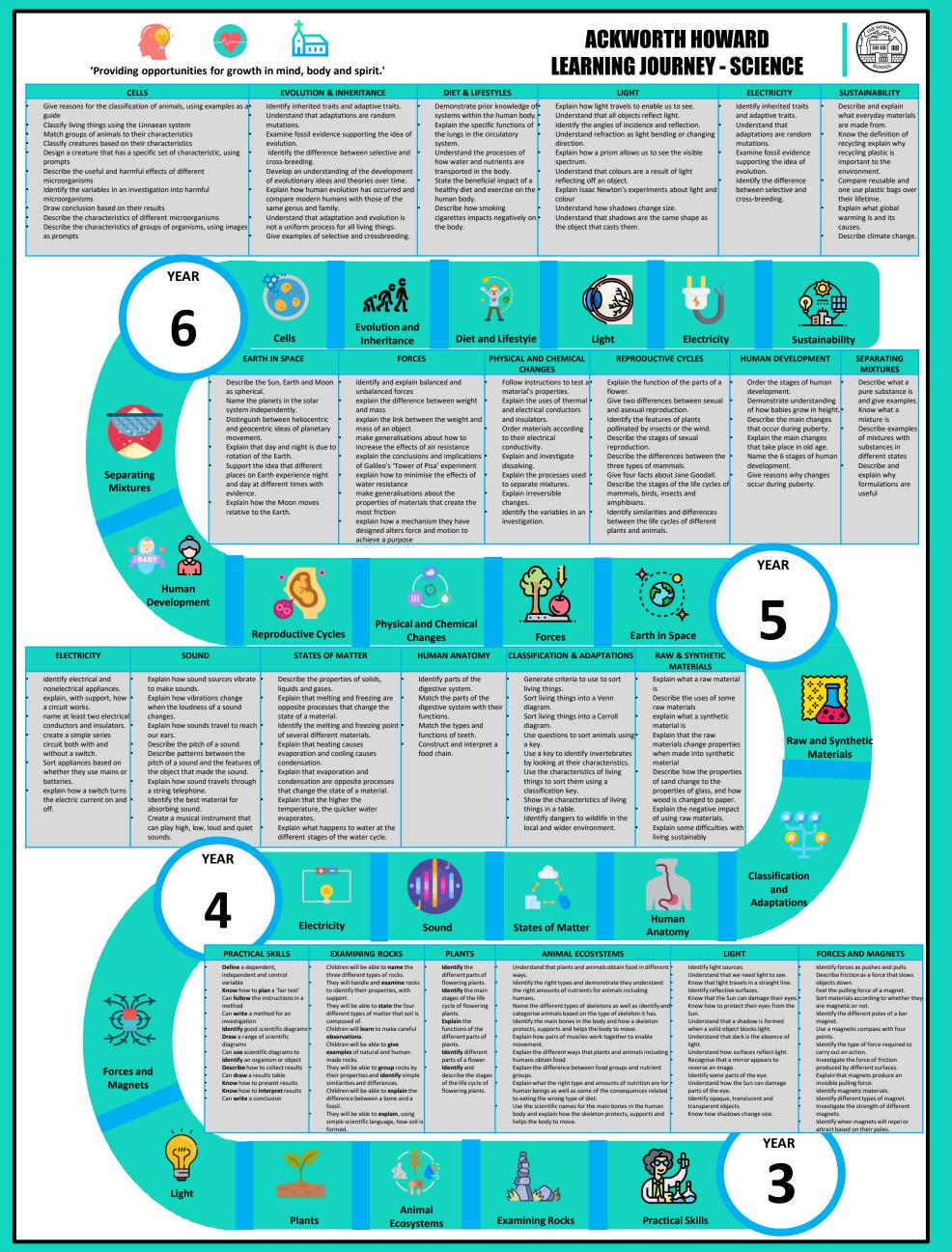
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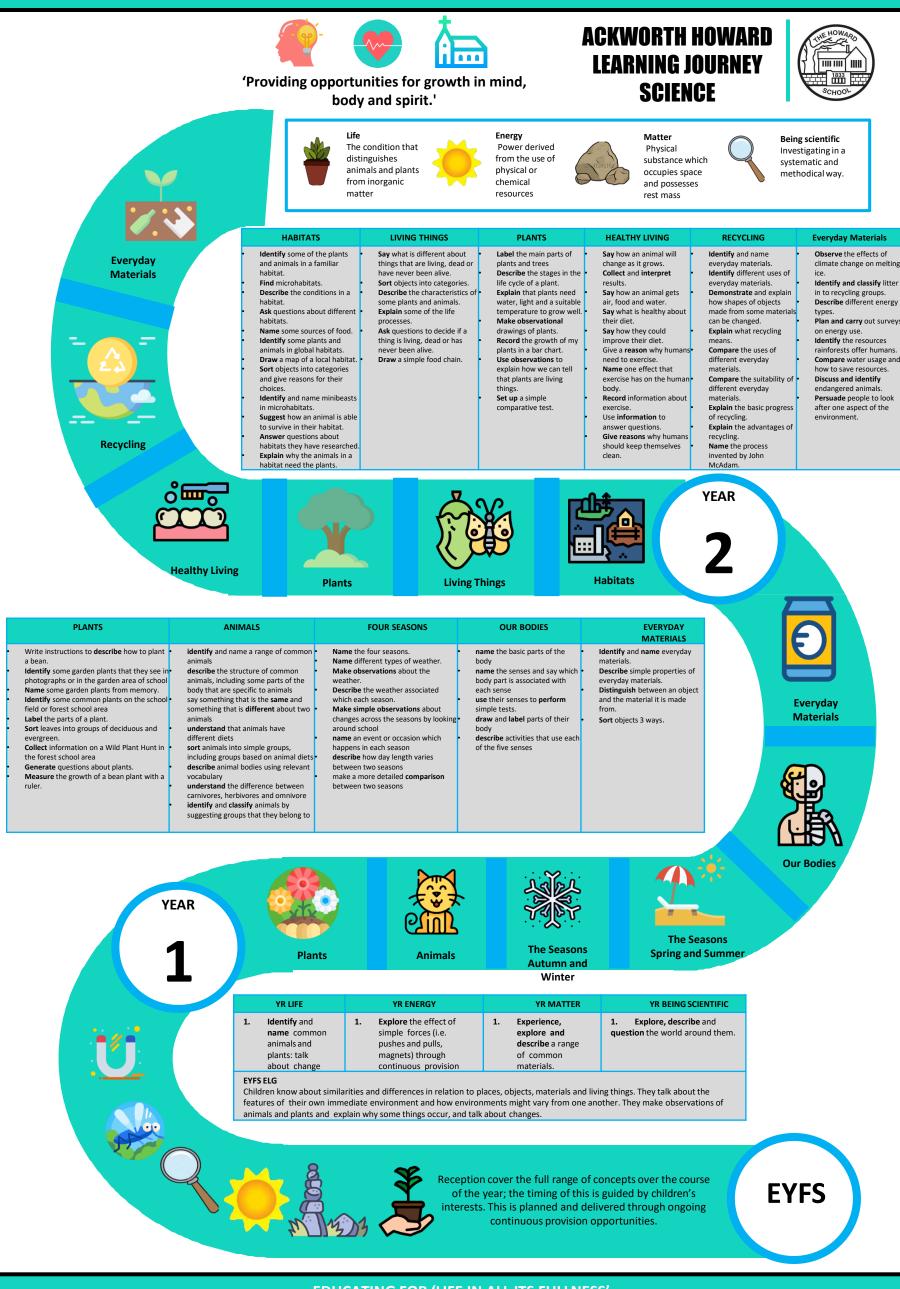
To encourage growth in spirit, we support their learning in a variety of ways including school trips and fieldwork. Our children will, through their scientific studies, garner a curiosity about the world around them. They will learn the skills and essential knowledge they need to become a fully contributing member of society.

### Careers

Careers that include the use of Science:

- Archaeologist
- Astronomer
- Audiologist
- Botanist
- Chemist
- Ecologist
- Energy Engineer
- Food Scientist
- Forensic Scientist
- Laboratory Technician
- Land Surveyor
- Meteorologist
- Palaeontologist
- Pharmacist
- Sport Scientist
- Toxicologist
- Vet







# **Working Scientifically**







**Physics** 

Progression in Working Scientifically			
Early Years	Explore, describe and question the world around them.		
Year 1	<ul> <li>Use their observations to give reasons for their answers to questions.</li> <li>Collect and record simple data.</li> <li>interpret simple data</li> <li>gather and record information and use it to answer a puzzle.</li> <li>Make a prediction.</li> <li>Perform simple tests.</li> <li>Use their observations to answer simple questions.</li> </ul>		
Year 2	<ul> <li>Gather and record information.</li> <li>Record in a bar chart.</li> <li>Research the answer to a question</li> <li>Use information to answer questions.</li> </ul>		
Year 3	<ul> <li>Predict what will happen in an investigation.</li> <li>Make observations.</li> <li>Set up an investigation and make predictions.</li> <li>Make observations and conclusions.</li> <li>Be able to answer questions based on their learning.</li> <li>Set up a simple practical enquiry and write an explanation for their findings.</li> <li>Take part in and contribute towards an oral presentation of their observations.</li> <li>They will make and record observations accurately</li> <li>Construct a bar chart on labelled axes.</li> <li>Form a conclusion from their results</li> <li>Explain their predictions and conclusions using key words or prompts</li> </ul>		
Year 4	<ul> <li>Create a classification key.</li> <li>Record observations in a table.</li> <li>Write a report.</li> <li>Present findings to the class.</li> <li>Generate relevant scientific questions.</li> <li>Identify differences related to scientific ideas.</li> <li>Make predictions and suggest equipment.</li> <li>Make careful observations, record findings using labelled diagrams and use results to make predictions for new values.</li> <li>Make observations and conclusions.</li> <li>Be able to answer questions based on their learning.</li> <li>report their findings and conclusions orally.</li> </ul>		
Year 5	<ul> <li>Compare and present data using bar and line graphs.</li> <li>Report findings in oral form.</li> <li>Compare graph types and select which is most appropriate for my data.</li> <li>Analyse and report findings in written explanations.</li> <li>Make observations and conclusions.</li> <li>Be able to answer questions based on their learning.</li> <li>Report and present findings from enquiries.</li> <li>identify dependent, independent and controlled variables</li> <li>set up reliable and accurate investigations</li> <li>make and record accurate observations</li> <li>use scientific language to explain their findings</li> <li>use their results to make generalisations and further predictions</li> <li>be able to ask and answer questions based on their learning using scientific language</li> </ul>		
Year 6	<ul> <li>Decide on the most appropriate type of investigation for their question.</li> <li>Take repeat readings if necessary.</li> <li>Report the degree of trust they have in their results.</li> <li>Make observations and conclusions.</li> <li>Be able to answer questions based on their learning</li> </ul>		

## **Religious Education**





## **Religious Education**

### Why is religious education important?

In Church of England schools, where pupils and staff come from all faiths and none, religious education (RE) is a highly valued academic subject that enables understanding of how religion and beliefs affect our lives. At the heart of RE in church schools is the teaching of Christianity and pupils also learn about other faiths and world views.

### **Religious Education:**

- Is relevant for all children, whatever their religion or beliefs
- Teaches understanding of world religions and beliefs
- Shows how religion influences individuals, families, communities and cultures
- Explores the political and social impact of religion
- Encourages reflection on issues of justice and truth
- Provokes questions about the meaning of life
- Offers opportunities for personal reflection
- Develops and affirms personal identity and responsible citizenship

### Prepares children for adult life RE can help:

- Promote respect for self and others
- Contribute to an understanding of history and culture
- Enhance our understanding of global affairs
- Develop personal well-being and happiness
- Safeguard ethical standards in public life
- Generate social and community cohesion
- Tackle extremism and religious discrimination

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that in RE we should develop the children's skills so that they can explore people's beliefs and asks questions about life. Children should learn to understand the differences and similarities between people and how they live, based on their beliefs. Through RE children will learn to reflect and respond to their own ideas.

### <u>Mind</u>



RE at our school engages pupils in an enquiry approach where they can develop an understanding for the expression of beliefs, cultural practices and influence of principle religions and world views in the local, national and wider global community.

### <u>Body</u>



We encourage our children to be inspired by moments of awe and wonder and respond to God through worship and seek solace and support from their faith. Through our inspiring curriculum will give children the opportunity to respond creatively to their life experiences.

### Spirit

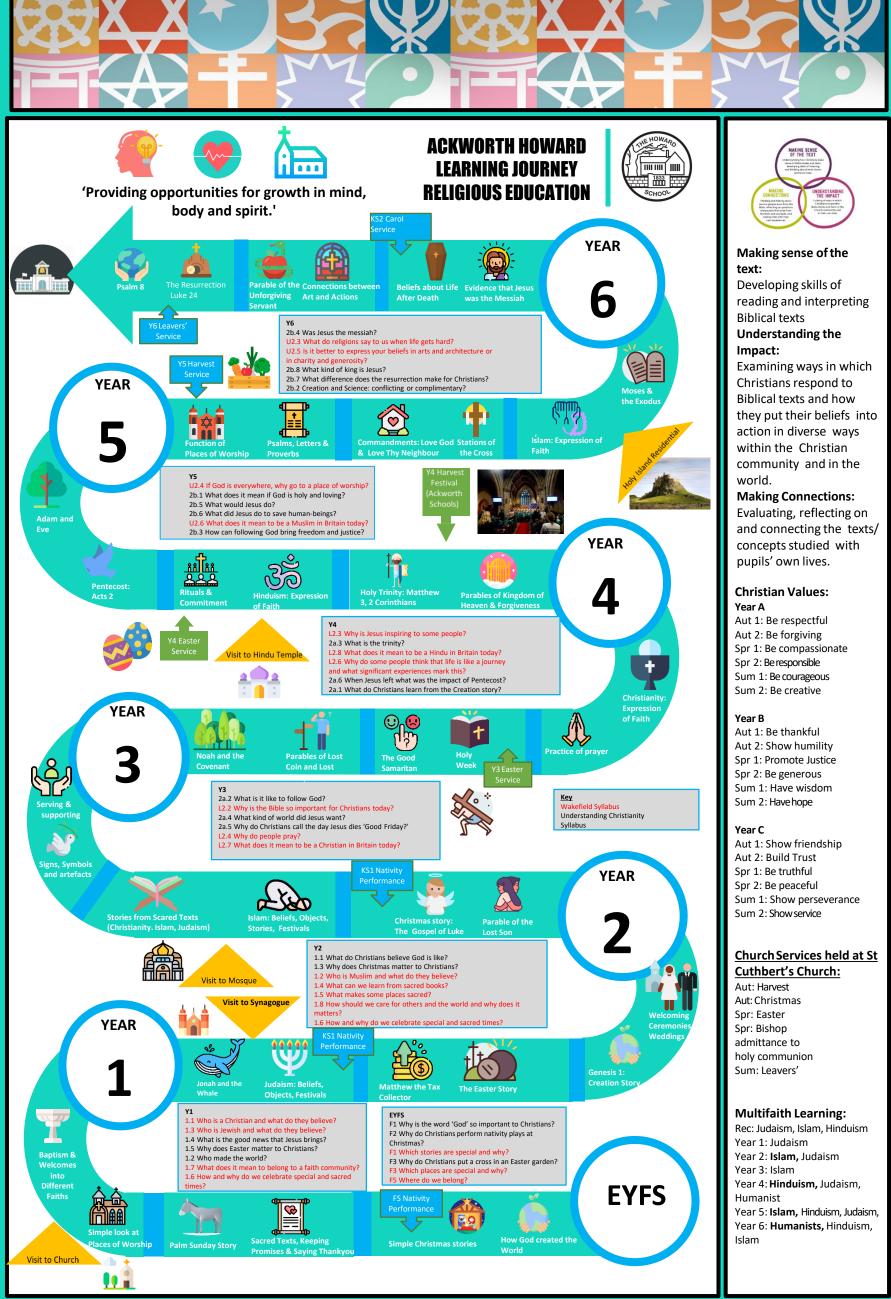


RE in our school has a significant role for the development of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We promote respect and open-mindedness towards others with different faiths and beliefs and we encourage pupils to develop their sense of identity and belonging through self-awareness and reflection.

### Careers

Careers that include the use of Religious Education:

- Religious Leader
- Teacher
- International or Community Aid Worker
- Hospital Doctor
- Doctor
- Community Worker
- Charity Fundraiser
- Social Worker
- Counsellor







## PSHE

### Why is PSHE important?

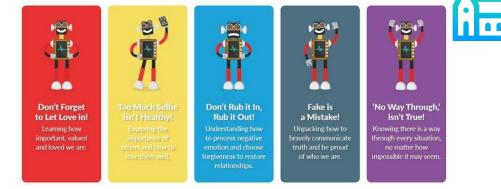
The PSHE Association describes it as, 'learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives, now and in the future.' For us, it's about making sure children have the skills they need to grow up as healthy individuals who can make informed decisions about their lives. We strive to deliver a 'curriculum for life' that helps children deal with modern issues and contributes significantly to our personal development provision.

The curriculum we deliver is age appropriate for all children. Relationships and health education forms a key part of this, as does learning about physical, mental and emotional health. A dedicated space for PSHE is allocated within the school timetable using the HeartSmart curriculum which builds resilience, school climate and healthy relationships and enables children to explore issues such as consent, staying safe and healthy relationships. PSHE is a key driver for our whole curriculum.



### What is HeartSmart?

HeartSmart is a creative approach that we use to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. Equipping children with foundational principles and skills that will improve their mental health and relationships and academic achievement, at our school, we want everyone to know that they are loved, cared for and valued. We recognise the value of educating the heart alongside educating the mind. We use HeartSmart to do just that!



### **Our Aims**

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that our PSHE curriculum is at the centre of developing the mind body and spirit. Through quality, interweaved concepts we create global citizens, ready and prepared for any future path they choose. We believe our PSHE curriculum should develop: the mind (aspirational expectations of themselves and others, well-prepared learners and purposeful relationships in the community), the body (emotionally intelligent, tolerant and respectful citizens) and spirit (empowered with ability to lead by example, ambassadors of change, with a prophetic voice and radical hospitality)



### <u>Mind</u>

Through engaging and cross-curricular lessons, pupils will develop high expectations of themselves and others in all aspects of school life, including how they apply their knowledge to become excellent learners. They will continue to build and foster purposeful relationships in the classroom, school and community through understanding their role in themselves, their school, the community and the wider world.

### <u>Body</u>

Through exploring a range of complex and broad values and issues, the pupils will develop emotional intelligence, gaining a wider view of themselves, others and the wider world. Across discrete PSHE lessons and other subjects they will encounter a diverse and varied selection of people and cultures, embedding complete tolerance for all and enabling them to become aspirational and respectful citizens.

### <u>Spirit</u>

They will encounter opportunities to develop their leadership skills and strive to obtain the attributes needed for greatness, including radical hospitality, enabling them to become the leaders of the future. Through an enlightened understanding they will become the ambassadors of change to achieve the visionary goals they set for themselves and others.





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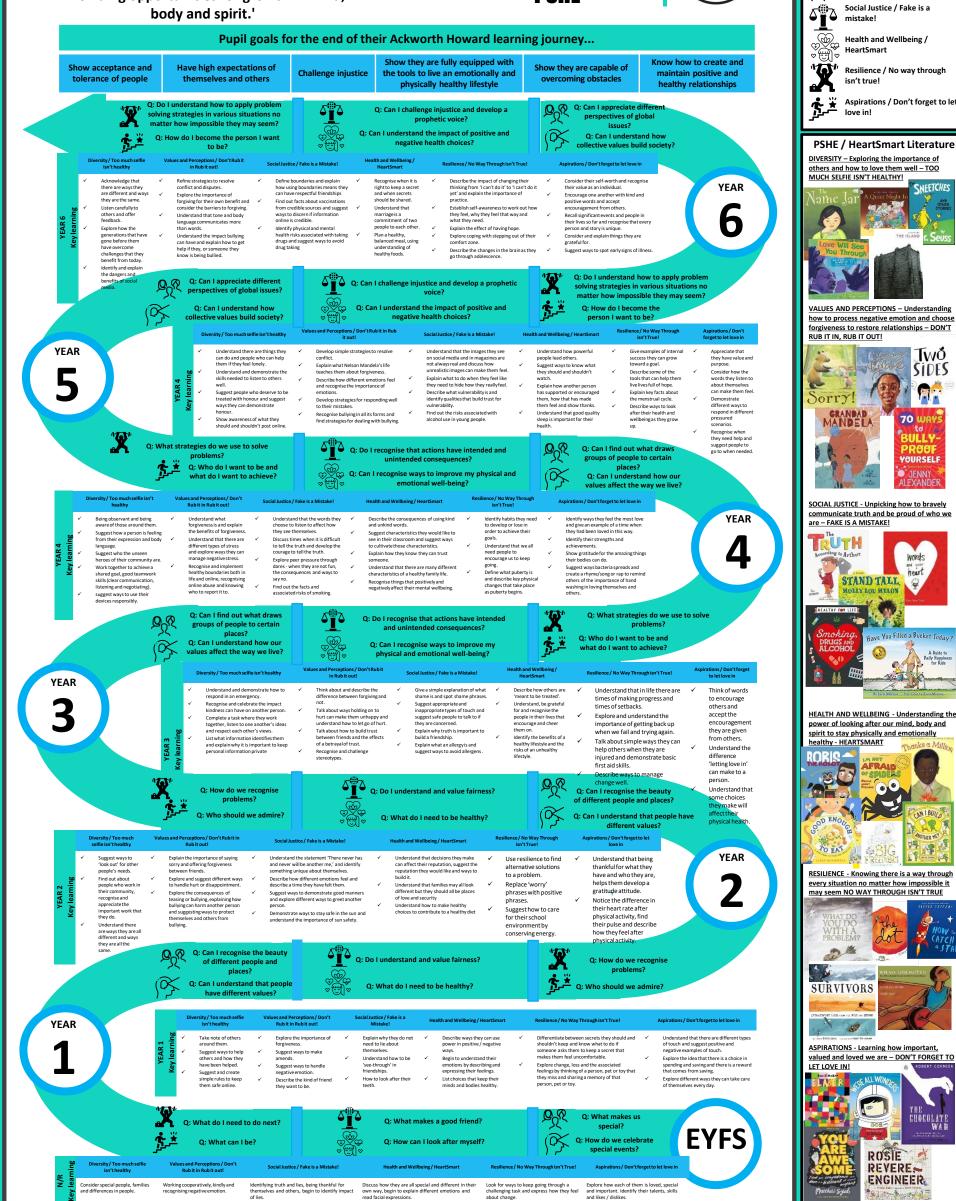
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## History

### Why is history important?

History ignites children's curiosity about the past in Britain and the wider world. Pupils consider how the past influences the present, what past societies were like, how these societies organised their politics, and what beliefs and cultures influenced people's actions. History provides an explanation of why things are the way they are today. Pupils are fascinated with people and desire to understand their ancestry and origins, as well as the origins of their country. This in turn develops an interpretation for what we have. As they do this, pupils develop a chronological framework for their knowledge of significant events and people. They see the diversity of human experience, and understand more about themselves as individuals and members of society.

What they learn can influence their decisions about personal choices, attitudes and values. In history, pupils find evidence, weigh it up and reach their own conclusions. To do this they need to be able to research, sift through evidence, and argue for their point of view – skills that are prized in adult life.

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that History should develop: the mind (curiosity, critical thinking, analysis and perspective), the body (locality, identity and challenges of their time) and the spirit (knowledge of the wider world, understanding of diversity, understanding of relationships and empathy) of every child.

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History at our school aims to inspire and captivate children's curiosity about the world around them and how past events have led to the way they live today. Children are given the opportunity to build up coherent knowledge and an understanding of the chronology of History through a variety of challenging and interesting History topics. Pupils will use critical thinking skills to analyse evidence from the past, questioning its reliability and developing their own perspective and judgement.

### <u>Body</u>

With a strong focus on our local area in our local history studies, our children are encouraged to understand their community and the changes it has been through, and celebrate these. Children will consider their own identities and the challenges that modern day life holds, comparing these to different time periods from the past. History topics are high profile throughout school and our welcoming environment showcases our children's hard work and collaboration through displays.



<u>Spirit</u> By immersing themselves in sensitive topics throughout history, children will understand the complexity of people's lives, the diversity of societies and the relationships between different groups of people. Children will have a greater understanding of the wider world beyond their locality. We encourage our children to celebrate their history through events such as our Heritage Day where the children embrace the history of our school and immerse themselves in this.

### Careers

Careers that include the use of History:

- Legal profession
- Journalism
- Media researcher
- Archivist
- Writer
- Archaeologist
- Media
- Museum curator
- Politics
- Business and commerce
- Teaching
- Curator
- Heritage Manager
- Academic Librarian



## **Our Historical Threads**













### Movement of People

In EYFS children think about where they live and where they have come from. In KS1 children learn about where people have lived and why they moved to their local area of Ackworth. They will look at evacuation to outskirts of the city of London after the Great Fire. They will explore ways people have travelled from one place to another. In LKS2 children are introduced to nomadic tribes who migrate to form civilizations. They look at how some of these groups expanded borders through invasion. They will begin to explore colonialization. In UKS2 children explore the impact of immigration through colonialization. Children look at how civilizations leave legacies when they move and leave an area. They explore the movement of people due to war including evacuation, refugees, prisoners and slaves. They investigate movement of people through urbanisation during the Industrial Revolution.

### Conflict

In EYFS children are introduced to remembrance. In KS1 children learn about Mary Seacole's work during the Crimean war. In LKS2 children are introduced to conflict shaping the formation of Great Britain through invasion and battles between Celts, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings. They also look at the Scramble for Africa and its impact on colonialization. In UKS2 children look at different forms of governance including democracy. They considering the wider impact the war had (including on children and for the Jewish community). Children also explore the Ancient Greek battles between Athens & Sparta, and at Marathon.

### Arts, Culture & Lifestyle

In EYFS children explore art created in their lifetime and from before. In KS1 children look at portraits and pictures of monarchs and are introduced to the idea that events in history can be reflected in art and culture of the time. Children investigate the architecture of Christopher Wren. In LKS2 children explore how cave paintings are used by historians. This is contrasted by Egyptian art and hieroglyphics. The architecture of the Roman era and Roman theatres is studied. The exploration of myths and legends having historical validity is introduced and continues to be explored through UKS2.

In UKS2 children examine cultural contributions of the Greeks. Through enquiry, children look at the value of artefacts for historians in the Kingdom of Benin.

### Monarchy and Rulers

In EYFS children explore where they live, the types of places they live in and lifestyles. In KS1 children consider how Queen Victoria and Elizabeth I influenced Britain. They see how an event, the great fire of London, impacted how houses and neighbourhoods were built and the King helped rebuild London. In LKS2 children see how houses changed as a nomadic people started to settle and invading peoples brought advancements. In UKS2 children explore Ancient Greek architecture and the legacy it has. Children discover how WWII impacted house building and changed lifestyles. Children contrast this with life in the Benin Kingdom. They will explore different ways of ruling from democracy, monarchy, tyranny, fascism, communism and oligarchy.

### Technological Developments

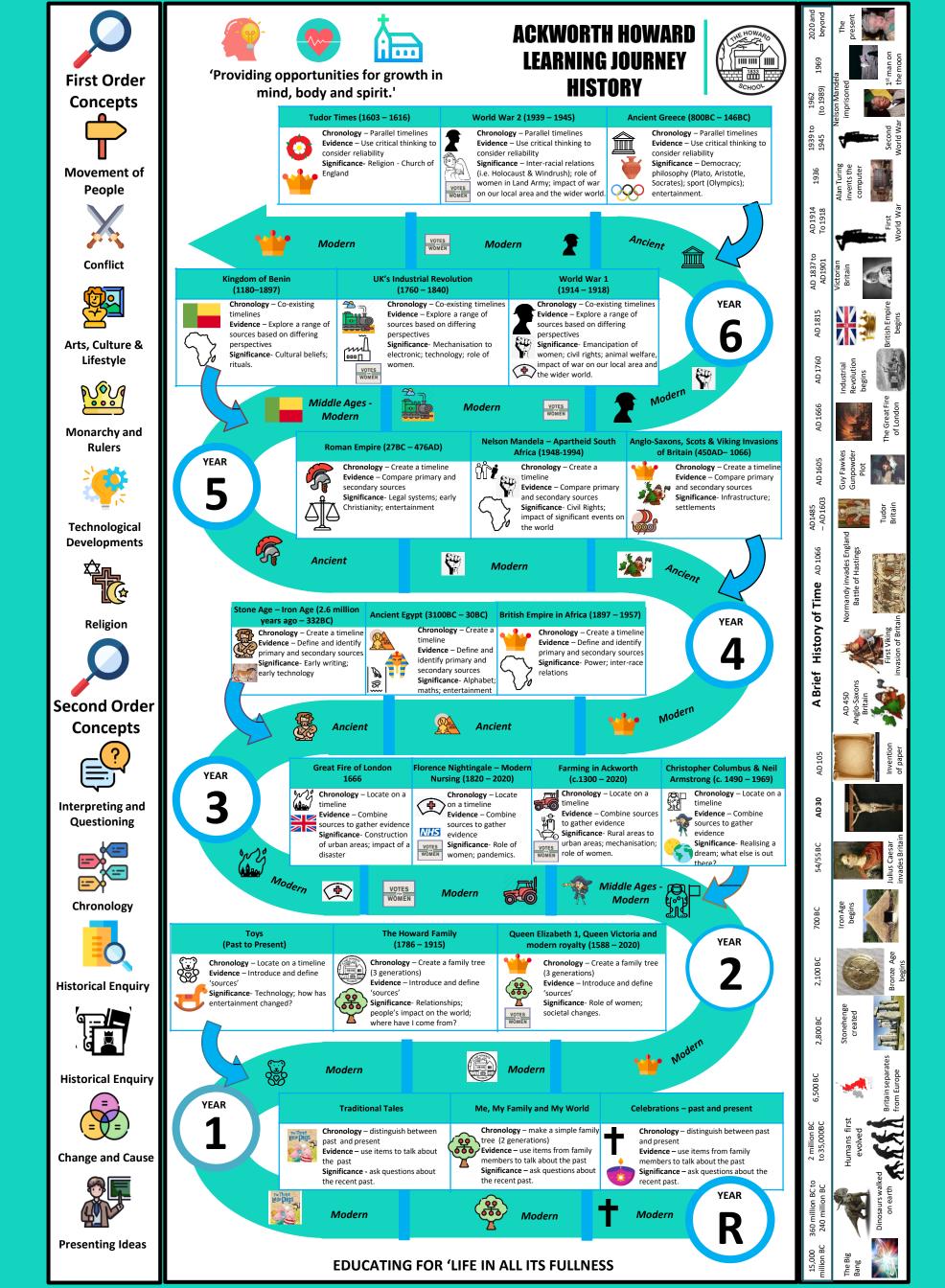
In EYFS children look at toys, transport and technology. In KS1 children build on this looking at how toys have changed and what they can tell us about history. They explore technological changes in healthcare, travel and firefighting. In LKS2 children explore how tools, weapons and methods of transporting people and goods have changed over time. They see the emergence of writing, contrasting with hieroglyphics and runes. In UKS2 children explore the impact of ariel warfare and radar on the outcomes of the Battle of Britain and WWII. How the industrial revolution was came about from the development of the steam engine and building of factories.

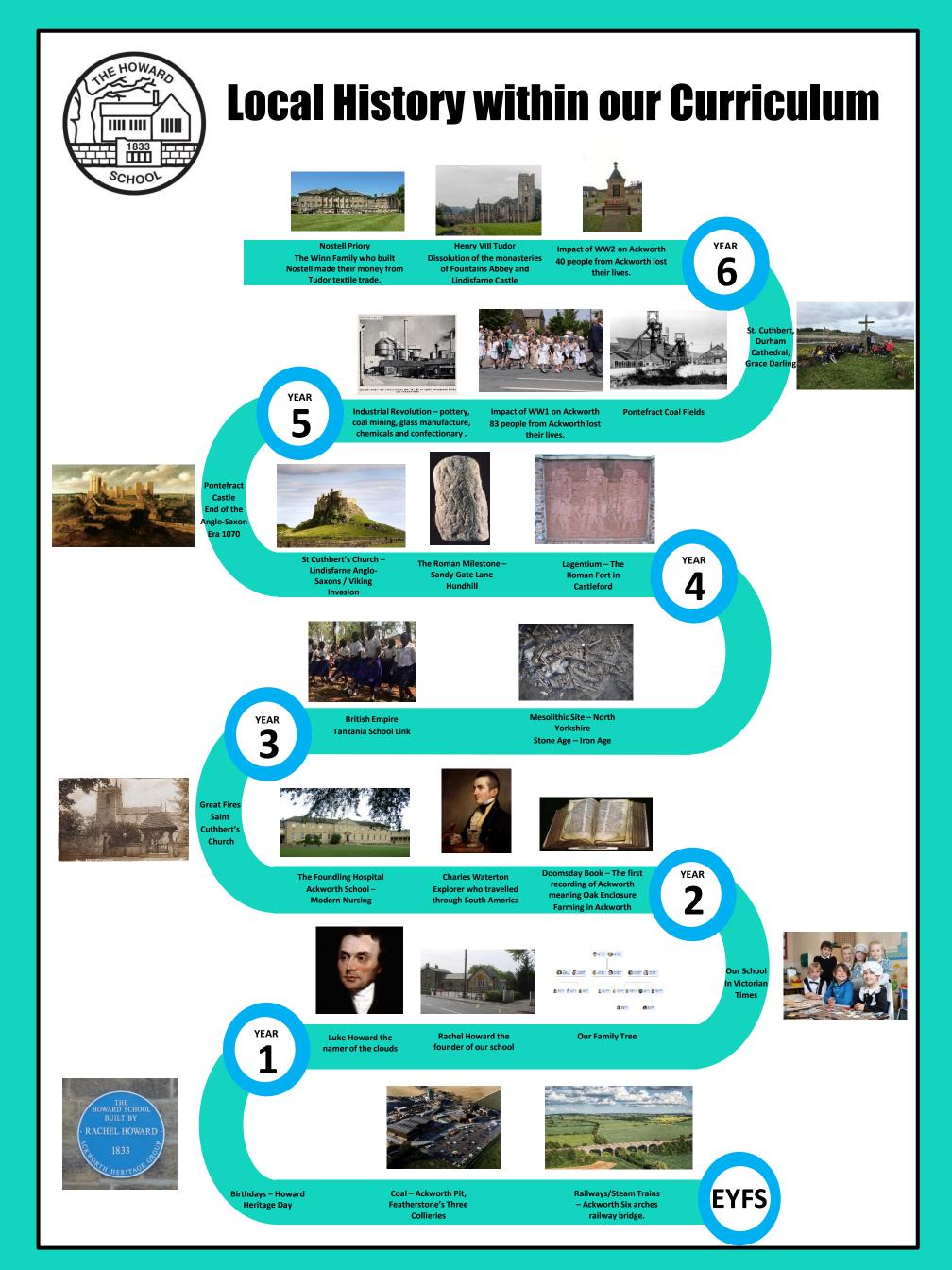
### Religion

In EYFS children are introduced to religion through classmates and stories. This continues in KS1 including the understanding that the current British Monarch is the head of the Church of England. In LKS2 children look at how the impact religion has on history and viceversa. The introduction of Christianity to Britian is explored as is its impact. Children explore ancient religions in different cultures with a focus on Ancient Egyptian Gods and burial practices. This continues in UKS2 exploring Greek Gods and Hellenisation as well as the myths and legends of the Benin Kingdom. In UKS2 children explore the religious persecution of Jewish people during WWII and the Holocaust, marking Holocaust Memorial Day. They will look at the reformation of the church under Henry VIII and the reasons for the creation of the Church of England.

Ackworth Howard's high-quality history education helps pupils to gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts, making and understanding the connections between local, regional, national and international history; between cultural, economic, military, political, religious and social history.











## Geography

### Why is geography important?

The teaching of geography provokes and answers questions about the natural and human worlds, using different scales of enquiry to view them from different perspectives. It develops knowledge of places and environments throughout the world, an understanding of maps, and a range of investigative and problem-solving skills both inside and outside the classroom. As such, it prepares pupils for life beyond the primary years.

Geography is a focus within the curriculum for understanding and resolving issues about the environment and sustainable development which is promoted through our Eco-Schools work. It is also an important link between the natural and social sciences. As pupils study geography, they encounter different societies and cultures. This helps them realise how nations rely on each other. It can inspire them to think about their own place in the world, their values, and their rights and responsibilities to other people and the environment.

A high-quality geography education should inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Teaching should equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that Geography should develop: the mind (physical and human geography, process of the world and changes over time), the body (locality, fieldwork and safety) and the spirit (diversity, comparisons and thriving in a shared society) of every child...



### Mind

Geography at our school aims to promote inspiration, curiosity and fascination in our children about the world around them that will remain with them throughout their lives. Through the teaching of physical geography and human geography, children will develop a deep understanding of the Earth's key features and processes. Linked wherever possible to our History topics, children will understand that Earth's features have developed and changed over time.

### <u>Body</u>

Through a strong focus on our local area and that of our partner school in Tanzania, children will have the opportunity to compare and consider the use of landscapes and environments around the world and closer to home. Children will use sources including maps, diagrams, globes, photographs and technology to immerse themselves in their community and enable them to gather data from fieldwork, apply their geographical knowledge into everyday situations, and explore the world around them safely.

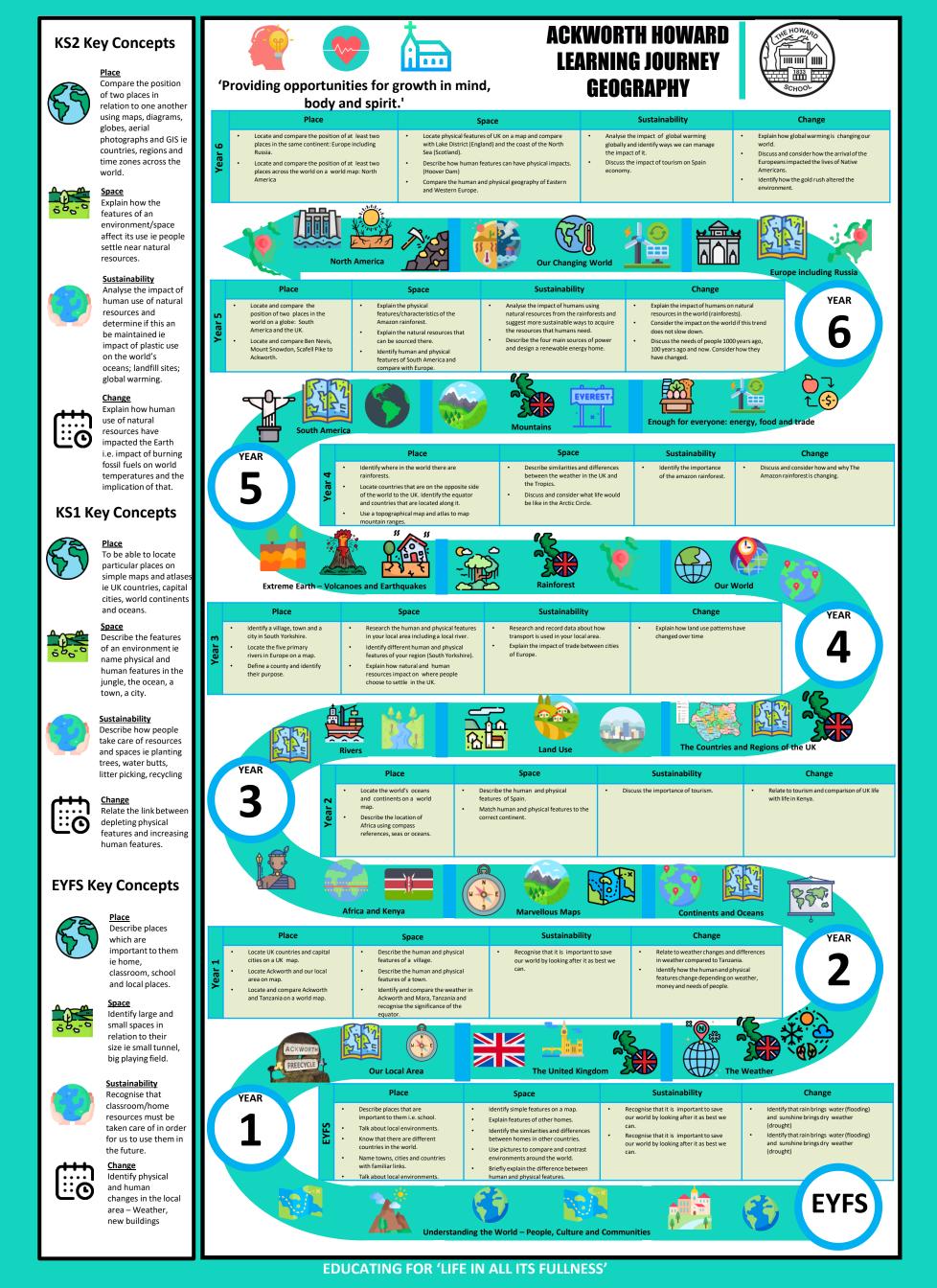
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Children will study diverse places, people and resources and compare these to different environments around the world. Through their developing understanding of other landscapes, environment and cultures, children will have a greater understanding of the world they live in and successfully live in a shared society.

### Careers

Careers that include the use of Geography:

- Financial services
- Planning
- Working in the environment
- Environmental law
- Town planning
- Environmental engineering
- Travel and tourism
- International charities
- Retail
- International relations
- GIS
- Management
- Environmental Health Technician
- Transport
- Environmental Adviser
- Sales Recruitment Consultant





### **World and Local Geography Coverage**

Year 1 – The United Kingdom The countries which make up our United Kingdom, the capital cities of

the four countries and the surrounding

seas.

Year 3 – Rivers

What is the water cycle? How are rivers formed? Where does the River Went start and end? What features does the River Went have?

Year 3 – Land Use

Land use patterns and their changes in our local area. How have land use patterns changed over time in the UK? Explain the difference between rural and urban. Identify town, cities, villages and hamlets.

Year 1 – What is the weather like? What are the weather patterns of the UK? How does the weather affect us?

### **EYFS** – Understanding the World

Know that we live in Ackworth which is in a country called England. Talk about out local environment and compare homes. Explain human and physical features in our local area.

### Year 5 – Enough, Food and Trade

Identify and compare energy uses in the UK. Compare renewable energy source of the UK. Locate power stations within the

Year 4 – Volcanoes To explain how volcanoes form, define tectonic plates and explain how earthquakes occur. The study of Mount Etna. Describe where the rocks around school have come from.

Year 6 – North America Describe the biomes of North America. How have Europeans impacted the lives of Native Americans? How did the Gold Rush impact America?

Year 2 – Sensational Safari Locate the country of Kenya. Describe the national parks and tourism in Kenya. Compare the life of Maasai people to the people of the UK.

### Year 4 – All around the world

Locate the Northern and Southern Hemisphere, identify the positions of North and South Pole. Describe the tropics using longitude and latitude. Explain time zones.

#### Year 4 – Rainforest

Structures of rainforest, the impact of deforestation, human uses of the rainforests and there effect. How our local woodland is used?

### Year 5 – Enough for Everyone

Describe food poverty. Identify locations of some of the countries in Asia, Africa and South America.

### **EYFS** – Understanding the World

Know that there are different countries in the world. Compare homes in different countries. Make comparisons between countries.

Year 3 – Rivers Locate the five primary rivers of Europe. Explain the importance of the Rhine and Danube on the trade of European cities.

Year 2 – Marvellous Map Skills Locate places of UK on a map.

### Year 1 – What is it like here? Identifying the human and physical features that are located where we live. Sketch maps of the local area.

#### Year 3 – Regions and Counties of the UK

To define what a county is and explain which county our local area is part of. Explain human and physical features of the UK. What are the topographical features found in the UK?

### Year 4 – Mountains

Locate key features of the mountains on Ben Nevis, Mount Snowdon and Scafell Pike.

### Year 6 – Our Changing World

Explore how Barnsley as a borough and Wakefield Council intend to meet Global Goals of sustainable development. Discuss local issues of sustainability in our area.

### Year 2 – Our Wonderful World & Marvellous Map Skills

Naming and locating the 7 continents and 5 oceans in the world. Describe each continent. Explain where the hot and cold climates of the world are.

### Year 6 – Europe including Russia

Map the physical geography of Europe. Describe population spread in Spain. Explain reasons for migration of people. Compare Eastern and Western Europe culture and climate.

### Year 5 – Mountains

Identify major mountains and ranges around the world. Describe how mountains are formed. Use 6 figure grid reference to locate these mountains. Compare Everest to Olympus Mons and Mauna Kea volcano.

### All Pupils – Tanzania **Global Link**

Through worship and curriculum links, our global link covers key concepts across the age range (place, space, sustainability and change). Pupils are able to articulate their thoughts and relate globally about life, therefore developing an

understanding of disadvantage, deprivation and the exploitation forms. The school is 'working with and learning from' their global Tanzanian friends.

### Year 5 – South America

Discuss the make up of South and Latin America. Locate and compare physical and human features of the continent. Use scale to measure length of the Amazon River. Describe how humans use the resources of South America.

A comparison of weather in Ackworth of the natural world in its truest and the weather in Tanzania looking at the proximity to the equator. Comparing the land of Tanzania and the UK.

Year 1 – What is it like here? What is the weather like?





## Computing

### Why is computing important?

### "Those who can imagine anything, can create the impossible." - Alan Turing

Computing allows us to solve problems, design systems, and understand the power and limits of human and machine intelligence. It is a skill that empowers, and one that all pupils should be aware of and develop competence in. Pupils who can think computationally are better able to conceptualise, understand and use computer-based technology, and so are better prepared for today's world and the future.

Developing computational thinking in learners needs to be done from an early age and will help them make sense of and contribute to the society they will live in as adults. However, as educators we take care to ensure that our teaching is focused on the learners' development and not on the technology.

### Our aims

The children at Ackworth Howard J&I School are digital natives – they are as adept at navigating a touch screen as they are at using a pencil and paper. Growing up in an increasingly digitized world, we understand the importance of giving our children exceptional learning opportunities in Computing.

Having invested heavily in tech across school, we are committed to delivering an innovative curriculum which offers our children the chance to grow their understanding of digital technology, how to develop computational thinking, and how to stay safe online.

Our children are familiar with new tech, and use it across the curriculum to support their learning. Our facilities, integrated into all the classrooms, include interactive whiteboards and computers, laptops and iPads as well as other experimental tech.



### <u>Mind</u>

To encourage growth in mind, we offer opportunities to develop leadership skills through our Digital Leaders programme, whereby children are trained to take on leadership roles and to support others in computing across the school. Creativity is encouraged throughout the curriculum, such as during our Christmas Hackathon or during crosscurricular work such as retelling the story of Boudicca's rebellion through Scratch.



### <u>Body</u>

To encourage growth in body, we aim to equip our children with the knowledge and resilience to use digital technologies responsibly and safely, not only during Safer Internet Week, but throughout the year in response to current events and changing trends in our children's online activities.

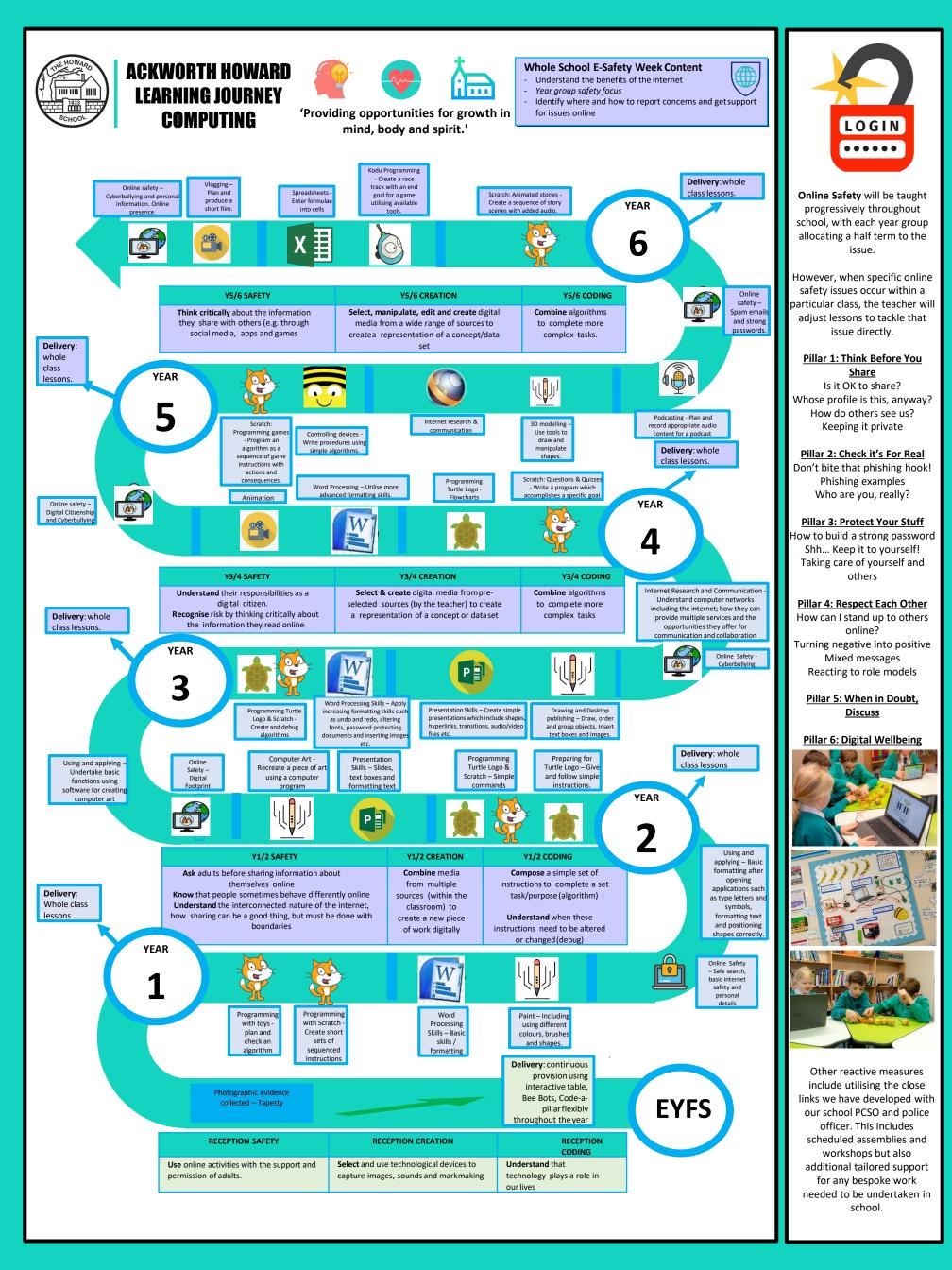
### <u>Spirit</u>

To encourage growth in spirit, we encourage our children to embrace change, particularly in response to new technologies. We aim to nurture responsible digital citizens, for whom 'society' is global, not just local.

### Careers

Careers that include the use of computing:

- Mobile Application Developer
- Software Engineer
- Video Game Designer
- Game Developer
- IT Security
- Web Developer
- Technology Manager
- Data Analyst
- Forensic Computer Analyst
- IT Consultant
- Web Designer







## **Physical Education**

### Why is PE important?

- Children learn to understand the importance of exercising for a lifetime.
- Regular, physical activity is the best antidote to eliminate obesity and maintain an acceptable body weight. It also provides a positive alternative to watching television or playing on tablets, computers or mobile phones.
- Children learn the fundamental motor skills that enable them to develop the competence that creates confidence and leads to safe and successful participation in a wide range of sports.
- Children are encouraged to improve their fitness levels during PE lessons, including muscular and cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility.
- Youngsters can learn valuable lessons about accepting responsibility for their personal development leading to greater self-discipline.
- PE promotes opportunities for children to be creative, cooperative and competitive and to face up to different challenges both as individuals and in groups.
- A 'good workout' helps ease stress, tension and anxiety and
- will result in better attention in class.
  Many activities taught in PE require children to work in groups to solve problems or as a team. These opportunities are excellent for developing both leadership and cooperation skills.
- Sports activities are an excellent way to meet and make new friends. Confidence in one's physical abilities encourages youngsters, and later adults, to socialise more easily and 'fit into' a variety of situations.
- Children learn to develop the notion of fair play, honest competition, good sportsmanship and dealing with both success and defeat.
- Movement can be used to reinforce the understanding of many subjects taught in the classroom e.g. mathematics. Movement is also associated with enhanced brain functioning.
- PE is especially important to children who have yet to develop their verbal communication skills. Thus, their confidence in physical abilities can lead to positive feelings of self-esteem.

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that physical education (PE) should develop: the mind (mental health, decision-making and tactics); body (physical development and healthy bodies); and spirit (sporting values) of each child. Through our curriculum we wish to promote a lifelong love of physical activity and sport.



### <u>Mind</u>

PE at our school should promote the emotional well-being of children and allow children to develop positive attitudes towards physical activity and healthy lifestyles. This school will create a supportive environment through PE to prevent depression, anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorders in later life, through a rich, broad, deep and exciting curriculum. Children will be taught and encouraged to use knowledge of technical and tactical skills to make decisions within game scenarios, routines in dance and gymnastics and during swimming lessons.



### <u>Body</u>

Children will be provided with opportunities to become physically confident, in ways which support their health and fitness and promotes an understanding in children of their bodies in action. We will provide children with opportunities to push their physical limits and compete against their peers physically both within and out of school. From early years to year 6 children should learn about how physical activity and healthy eating can positively impact their life.

### <u>Spirit</u>

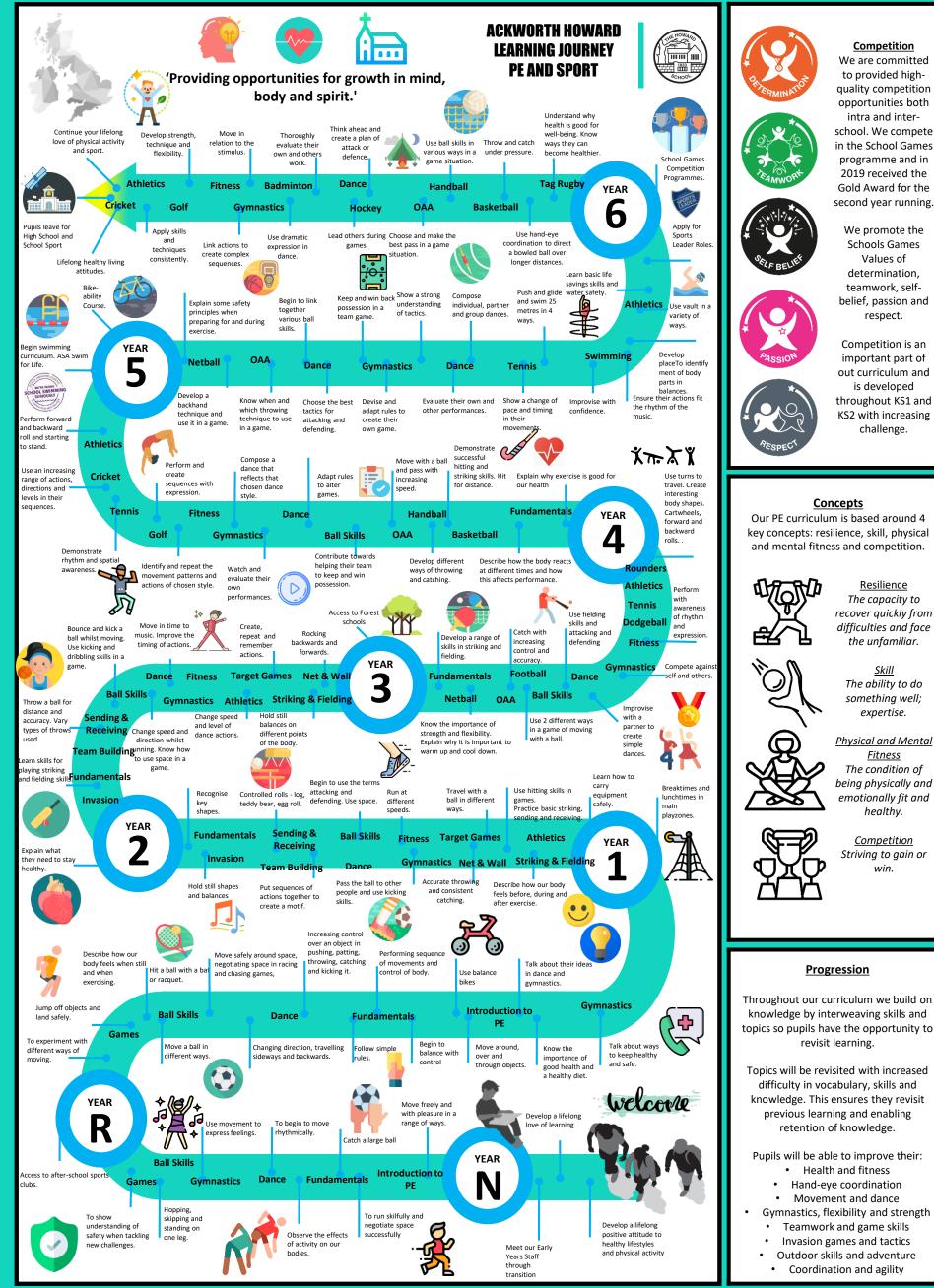


PE in our school should promote values which enable children to develop life skills such as: determination, resilience, leadership, teamwork, fairness and trust.

### Careers

Careers that include the use of PE:

- Sports coach
- Sports scientist
- Physiotherapist
- Sports analyst
- Sports psychologist
- Teacher
- Sports journalist
- Professional Athlete







## **Design Technology**

### Why is design technology important?

**C** Design and technology is a practical and valuable **subject** that enables children and young people to actively contribute to the creativity, culture, wealth and well-being of themselves, their community and their nation. It teaches how to take risks and so become more resourceful, innovative, enterprising and capable. Students develop a critical understanding of the impact of design and technology on daily life and the wider world. Additionally, it provides excellent opportunities for students to develop and apply value judgements of an aesthetic, economic, moral, social, and technical nature both in their own designing and when evaluating the work of others.

(Text taken from the Design & Technology Association).

- DT provides children the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of designing and making functional products.
- Creativity and innovation through design, and by exploring the designed and made world in which we all live and work is nurtured.
- Aspiration and skills for future employment are developed.
- Practical life skills are explored.
- An understanding of technology, people and the environment is cultivated.
- Design and Technology encourages children to consider • design problems (usually the problems other people face).
- Children develop a range of practical skills associated with modern industry.
- Children learn that working as a team to solve design problems is the key to success in Design and Technology but also in industry, business and commerce.
- Children develop an understanding of aesthetics and its role ٠ in the design of everyday items and architecture.
- Children learn to consider people with individual needs.
- ٠ Research introduces pupils to the technology of other cultures from an historical and modern perspective.
- ٠ Sustainability and the environment are serious considerations to any design and technology learner.
- Children learn the importance of economics when costing projects.
- Consideration is given to the role of designers in history and the modern world.
- Children develop communication skills through designing and group work.
- Design and Technology provides a constructive channel for a child's creative needs.
- Design and Technology directly supports the manufacturing industry by providing this sector of the economy with capable technologists.

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that design and technology (DT) should develop: the mind (creativity, imagination, resourcefulness, innovation and enterprise); body (consideration of others, risk taking); and spirit (understanding of the impact on the wider world and the contribution to culture, wealth and well-being of the nation) of each child.



### Mind

DT at our school is an inspiring, rigorous and practical subject that encourages children to learn to think and intervene creatively to solve problems, both as individuals and as members of a team. We encourage children to use their creativity and imagination, to design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts. We also aim to make links to designs and designers throughout history, providing opportunities for children to critically reflect upon and evaluate their designs. Wherever possible, we link work to other disciplines such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing and art. This gives the learning purpose and relevance to the children.

### Body

Children learn to take risks in a safe environment, becoming resourceful, innovative, enterprising and capable citizens considering their own and others' needs, wants and values. The unique talents of every child are embraced.

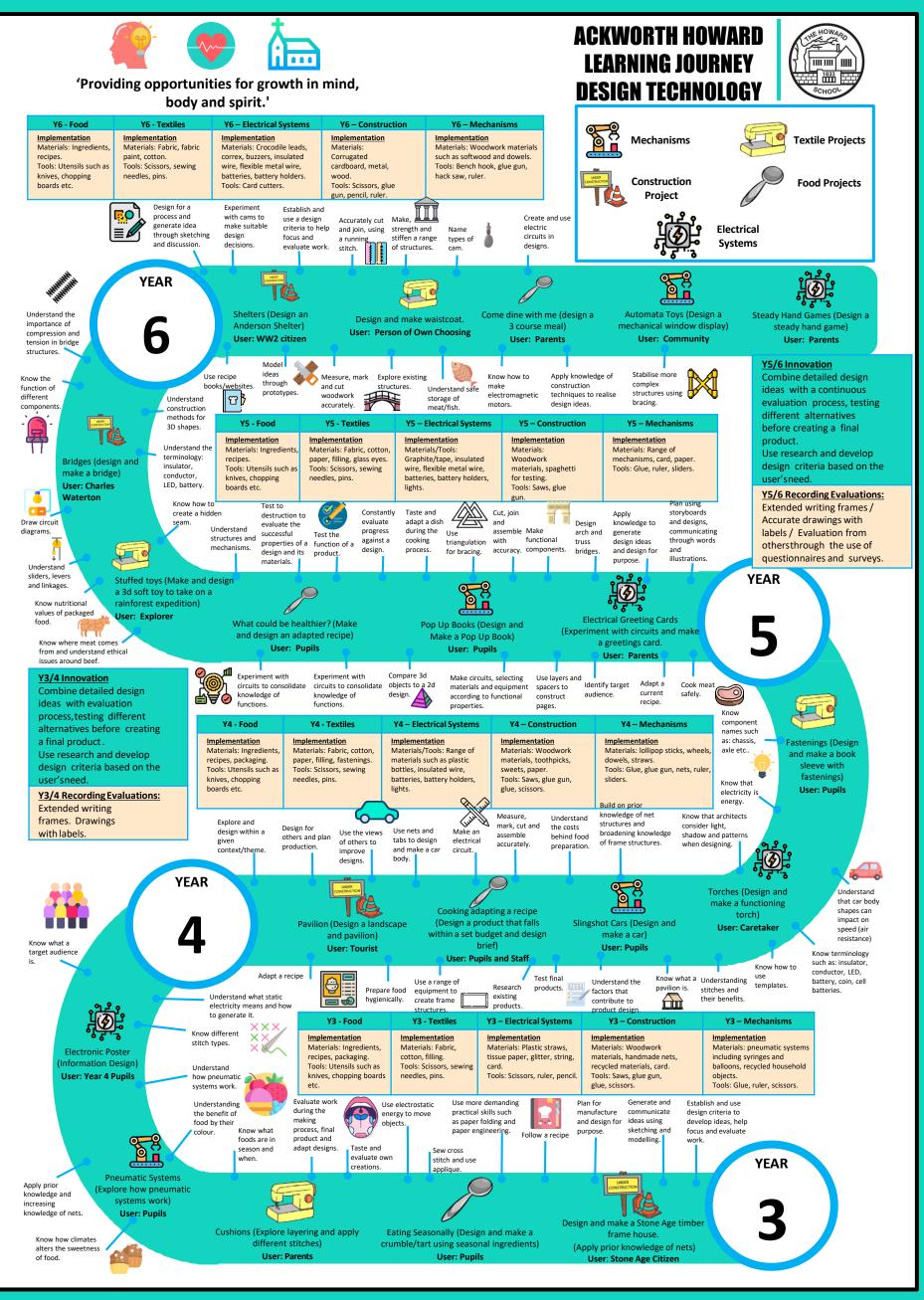
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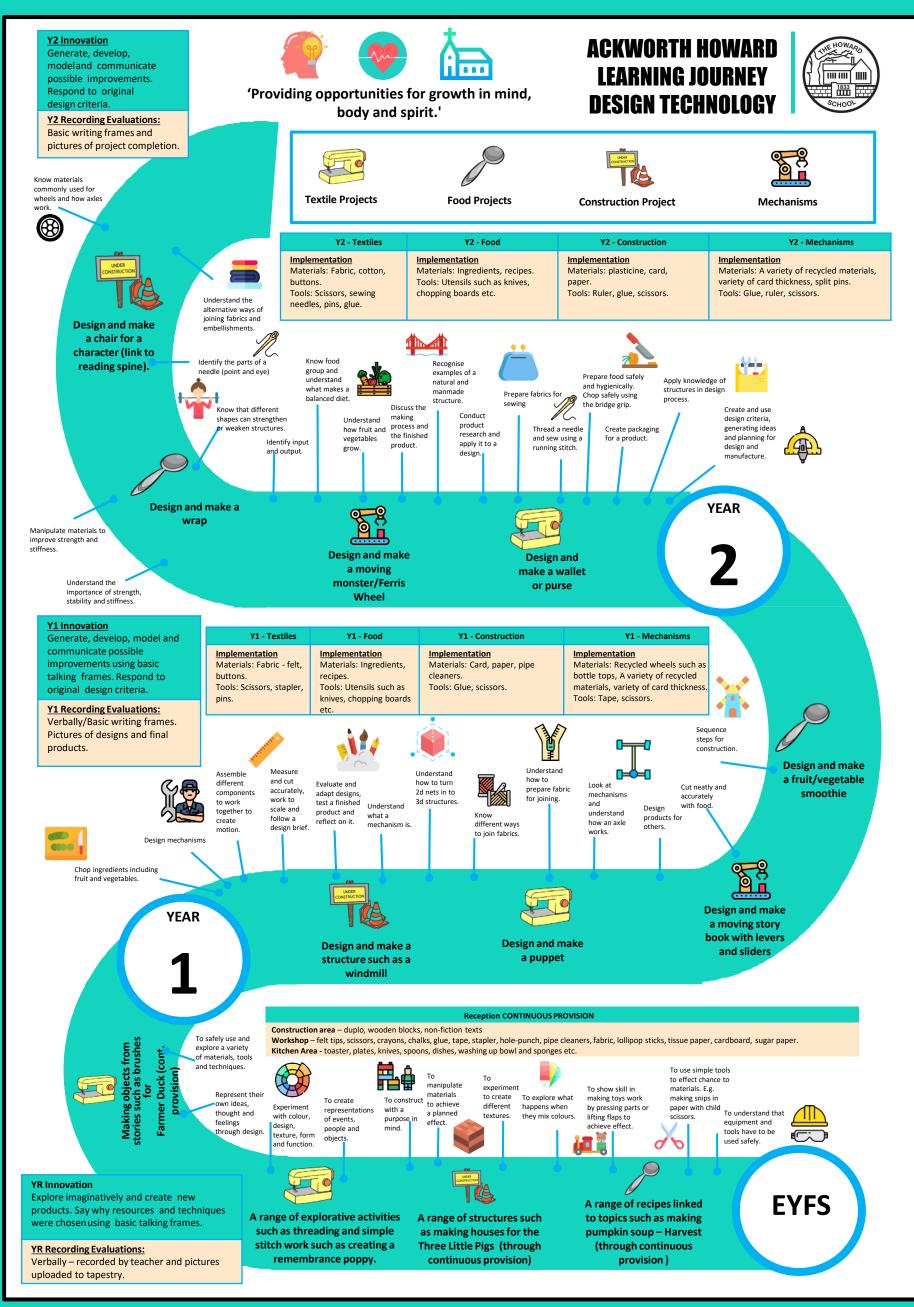


Through the evaluation of past and present deign and technology, children develop a critical understanding of its impact on daily life and the wider world and the impact it has on the contribution to the creativity, culture, wealth and well-being of the nation.

### Careers

- Careers that include the use of DT:
- Architect
- Engineer
- Plumber/Electrician
- Costume designer
- Teacher
- Tree surgeon





# Art & Design

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## Art

### Why is Art important?

### 'Art teaches you to deal with the world around you. It is the oxygen that makes all the other subjects breathe.' Alan Parker, filmmaker

- Art enriches the experience of studying while at school as well as preparing learners for life after school.
- Art encourage self-expression and creativity and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.
- Creativity can also help with wellbeing and improving health and happiness.
- Studying art also help to develop critical thinking and the ability to interpret the world around us.
- Working in art helps learners to develop creative problemsolving skills.
- Teaching through art can present difficult concepts visually, making them more easy to understand.
- Art instruction helps children with the development of motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, risk-taking, and inventiveness.
- Visual art teaches learners about colour, layout, perspective, and balance: all techniques that are necessary in presentations (visual, digital) of academic work.
- Integrating art with other disciplines reaches learners who might not otherwise be engaged in classwork.
- Arts experiences boost critical thinking, teaching learners to take the time to be more careful and thorough in how they observe the world.
- Art provides challenges for learners at all levels.
- Art education connects learners with their own culture as well as with the wider world.

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe in nurturing the Arts and aspire to cultivate the gifts and talents of every child. We aim to develop: the mind (creativity, imagination, resourcefulness, innovation and enterprise); body (consideration of others, risk taking); and spirit (understanding of the impact on the wider world and culture, wealth and well-being of the nation) of each child.



### <u>Mind</u>

Art at our school is an inspiring and practical subject that engages, inspires and challenges learners, equipping them with the knowledge and skills in order to experiment, invent, critically evaluate and be creative for themselves and for an audience. Learners build curiosity and excitement through rich first hand experiences and visits.



### <u>Body</u>

Learners collaboration skills are developed through their art work. Children work practically through exploration, and by responding to inspiration from the life and works of artists, designers and architects. The unique talents of every child are embraced.



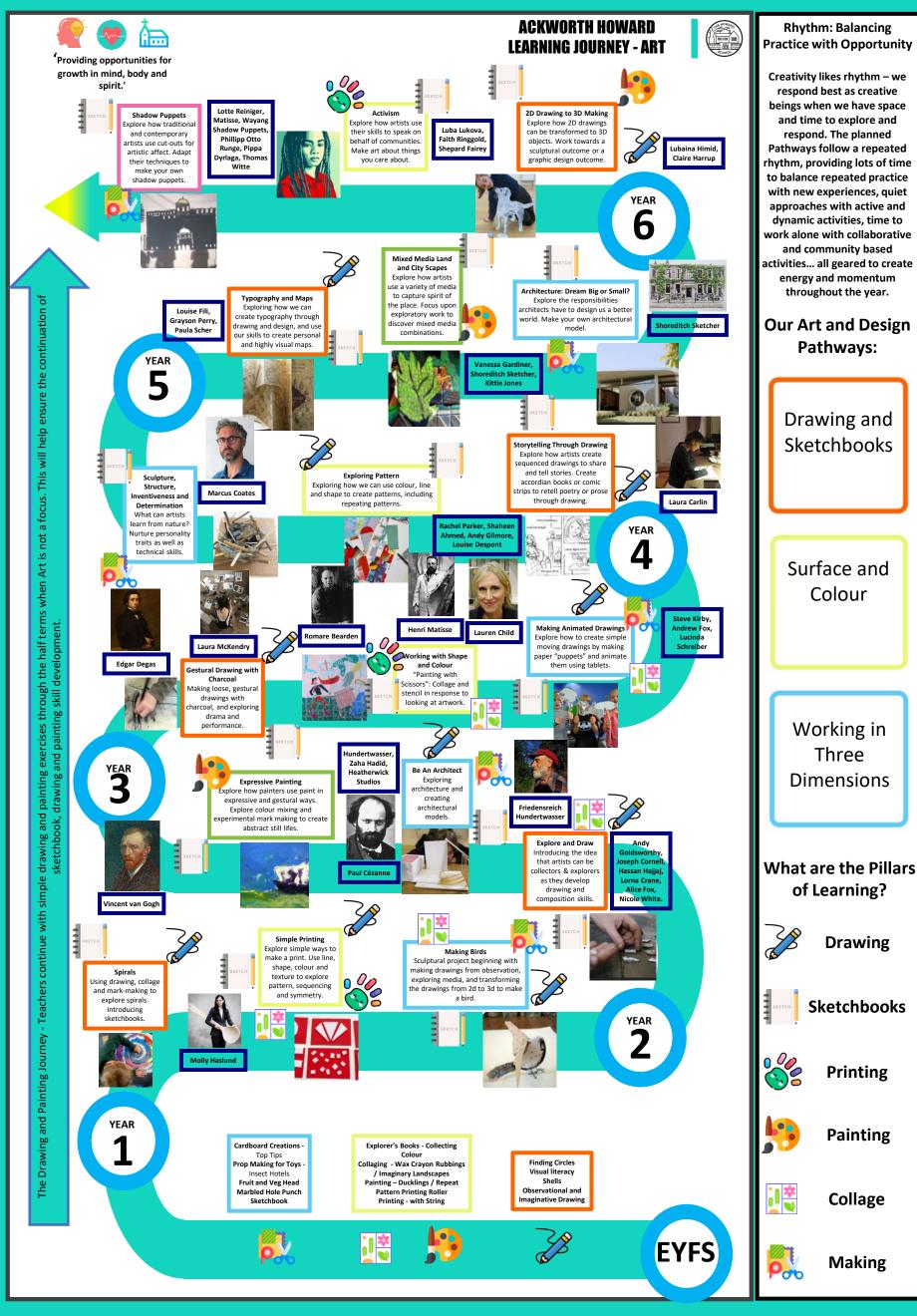
### <u>Spirit</u>

We nurture the aspirations and hopes of our children so they can achieve highly. The children will express their own emotions and feelings through their own personal style. They will have a greater understanding of local artists and those in the wider world and through different times in history, developing an awareness of the contribution to the culture, creativity and wealth of the nation.

### Careers

Careers that include the use of Art:

- Illustrator
- Artist
- Branding designer
- Web design
- Teaching
- Jeweller
- Prop maker
- Animator
- Game designer
- Web Designer
- Film maker







## Music

### Why is music important?

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high-quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. As pupils progress, they should develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose, and to listen with discrimination to the best in the musical canon.

Through music pupils develop:

- Language and reasoning.
- A mastery of memorization.
- · Positive mental wellbeing that impacts on work.
- Increased coordination.
- Fine-tuned auditory skills.
- Imagination and intellectual curiosity.
- Preparation for the creative economy.
- Creative thinking.
- Spatial intelligence.
- Teamwork and group work.

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that music should develop: the mind (creativity, engagement, inspiration, achievement); body (risk taking, passion, self-confidence, talents, appreciation); and spirit (shared society, spiritual encounter, global citizenship) of each child.



### <u>Mind</u>

We aim to develop a love of music and singing through a wide range of genres, to inspire exploration and composition in order to enable an eventual skill of critical engagement.

### Body We ai

We aim to develop strong listening skills and build self confidence. Learners collaborate and rehearse for many specific performance opportunities to provide them a sense of achievement. Music is at the heart of our school and is a key influence in the positive culture and wellbeing of the school community. Music education engages and inspires learners to develop a love of music and their talent as a musician.

### <u>Spirit</u>

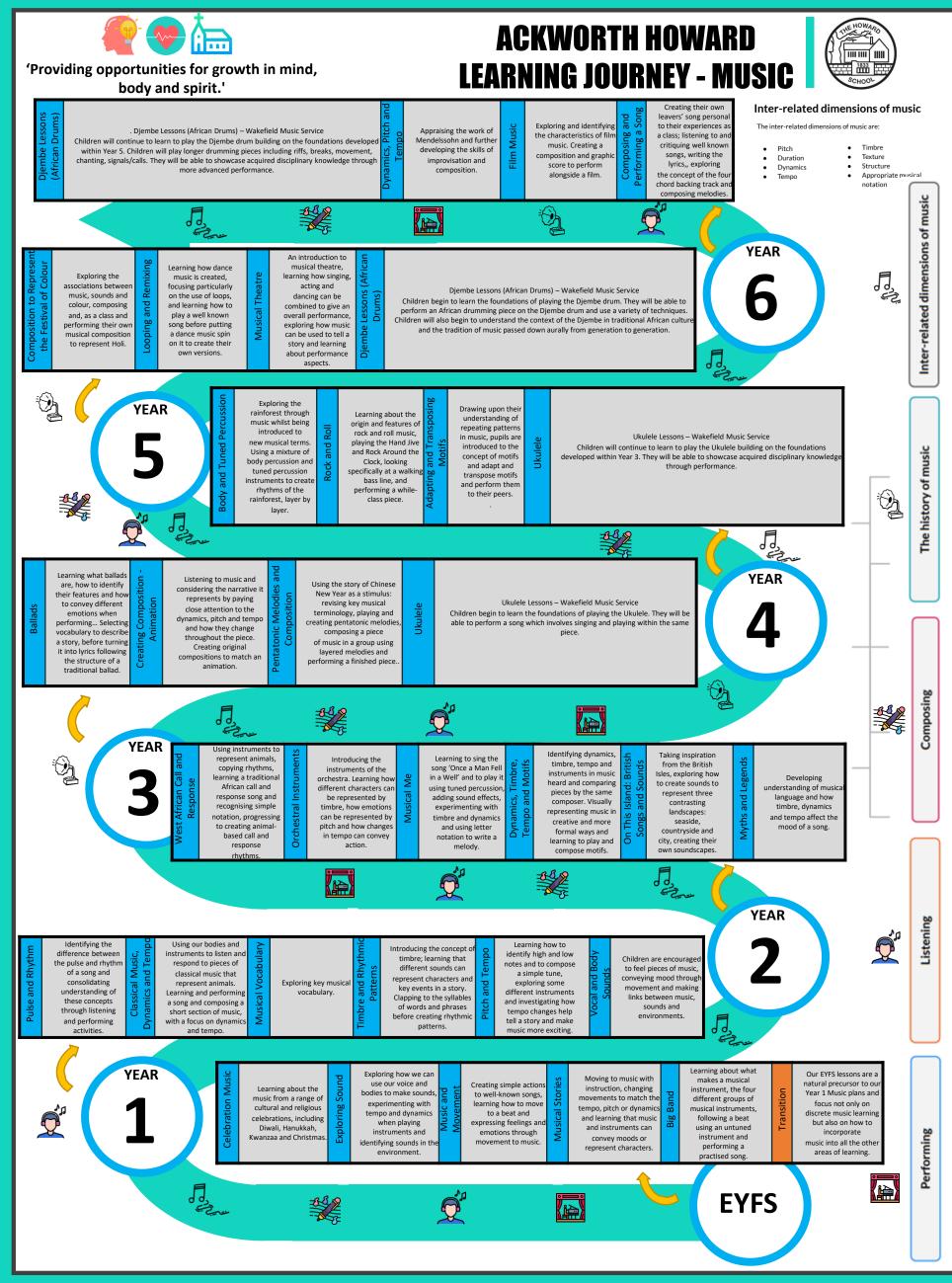


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### Careers

Careers that include the use of Music:

- Performers and writers
- Producer/recording
- Film music
- Music journalism
- Teacher
- Music Producer
- DJ
- Song Writer
- Record Producer
- Background Singer
- Music Therapist
- Radio DJ
- Session Musician
- Conductor
- Rock Star
- Singer
- Recording Engineer
- Music Teacher
- Composer
- Music Director
- Booking Agent
- Music Journalist





### **Musician Journey**



Each month our music assemblies and worships will introduce a new artist and genre. Planned in a chronological order the journey is sequenced to show the history of music through time. A two year cycle ensures a variety of artists, composers, singers and musicians are exposed to the pupils.

Month	Year One	Year Two
September	Vivaldi The Four Seasons 1678-1741	Stravinsky Firebird 1911
October	Mozart Alla Turca 1783	Camille Saint Sean Carnival of the Animals 1922
November	Beethoven Fur Elise 1810	Prokofiev Peter and the Wolf 1936
December	Tchaikovsky Swan Lake and Nutcracker 1840 -1893	Bing Crosby White Christmas 1952
January	Scott Joplin Entertainer 1902	Leonard Bernstein West Side Story 1957
February	John Williams March from Superman 1932	Aretha Franklin RESPECT 1967
March	Delia Derbyshire Dr Who 1963	Bill Withers Lean on Me 1972
April	Beatles Come Together 1969	Queen Bohemian Rhapsody 1975
Мау	Elton John I'm still standing 1983	Oasis Don't Look Back in Anger 1995
June	Bruno Mars Uptown Funk 2014	U2 Beautiful Day 2000
July	Ed Sheeran Perfect 2017	Adele Hello 2015





## **Modern Foreign Languages**

### Why are foreign languages important?

'If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language that goes to his heart.'

### **Nelson Mandela**

These two sentences are a powerful reminder that, for all the advantages that being an English-speaking nation brings us, we can never rely on English alone. If we want to build the kind of trust with people from other countries that underpins any kind of relationship, we need to be talking to hearts, not heads.

That is why being able to speak a foreign language is a vital skill for the future of our country and, most importantly, our children – and why they deserve to be held in the same regard as STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) in our curriculum.

Learning a foreign language helps pupils:

- Develop self confidence
- Mental development increases critical thinking skills, creativity, and flexibility of mind in young children.
- Improves their understanding of English
- Encourages positive attitudes to foreign languages
- Broadens children's horizons
- Helps children in later careers
- It's great when you go on holiday!

### Our aims

At Ackworth Howard J&I School, we believe that modern foreign languages should develop the mind, body and spirit of each child.



### <u>Mind</u>

Learning a language at our school fosters pupils' curiosity and deepens their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable children to express their ideas and thoughts in another language, both in speech and writing, and provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. Throughout the key stages, children are taught a variety of topics and develop their communicating skills through new vocabulary and the opportunity to explore different cultures. Children are encouraged to speak to each other in Spanish both in and outside of school allowing them to build enduring relationships with internal and external communities, develop their confidence and flourish as a language learner.



### <u>Body</u>

Language learning allows our children to develop their understanding of community, where diversity and equality is promoted across the curriculum. In a welcoming environment, different traditions are explored and learners are encouraged to celebrate the wonderful ways to be human, which is evidenced through our MFL theme days, where children have the opportunity to explore different cultures through dance, art and food.



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### Careers

Careers that include the use of additional languages:

- Translator
- Interpreter
- Foreign language intelligence role
- Teacher of a foreign language
- Customer service position that requires foreign
- languages
- Linguist job in the military
- Language blogger or online content creator
- Holiday rep
- Tour guide
- A career abroad

Why do we teach	
Spanish?	ACKWORTH HOWARD
Spanish is	LEARNING JOURNEY
the second most	
spoken language.	body and spirit.'
<ul> <li>The British Council announced that</li> </ul>	Y6 Listening Y6 Speaking Y6 Reading Y6 Writing Y6 Grammar
Spanish is	Listen to longer text Learn to recall Be able to tackle Write a piece of text using Consolidate our understanding of
the <b>most</b>	and more authentic previously learnt unknown language language from a variety of units gender and nouns, use of the
important	foreign language language and recycle with increased covered and learn to adapt any negative, adjectival agreement material. Learn to / incorporate it with accuracy by applying models provided to show solid and possessive adjectives (EG:
language for the UK.	puck out cognates new language with knowledge learnt understanding of any grammar which subjects I like at school and and familiar words increased speed and from 'Phonics Lessons covered. Also start to incorporate also which subjects I do not like).
• It is considered one	and learn to 'gist spontaneity. Engage 1 to 4' including conjugated verbs and learn to be Become familiar with a wider
of the <b>easiest</b>	listen' even when in short conversations awareness of accents, comfortable using range of hearing language that on familiar topics, silent letters etc. connectives/conjunctions, connectives/conjunctions and
languages to learn as it is largely	has not been taught responding with Decode unknown adjectives and possessive more confident with full verb
phonetic.	or covered. opinions and language using adjectives. EG: A presentation or conjugation - both regular and justifications where bilingual dictionaries. description of a typical school irregular. EG: 'to go', 'to do', 'to
Spanish can be	appropriate. day including subjects, time and have' and 'to be'. opinions.
used as a	Unit 19 - Phonics 4 and En el Colegio
'gateway' to learn other languages; it	Unit 20 – Las Planetas Unit 20 – Las Planetas
has many	By the end of this unit we will •Name the subjects we study in school By the end of this unit we will be will be able to: •Say and spell some of the
similarities to	Name and spell accurately     article/determiner.     Group and order words to decode using quarter past, half relative capital cities in the
Italian, French and Portuguese.	some/all the planets in Spanish on a solar map. Spanish on a solar map.
<ul><li>Emerging</li></ul>	YEAR •Say and write extended sentences for at least one giving a justification for that subject. history from WW2 when described in Spanish. ••Say and write about some key celebrations in the Spanish
economies in the	planet. •Start to tell the time by learning how •Understand better the rules to say time by the hour. •Say and write in Spanish the key countries and languages involved •Integrate conjunctions and differences in terms of
Americas mean that	of adjectival agreement in Spanish and apply these study certain school subjects. • Write a letter in Spanish home spoken work to make between Lima and Madrid.
the chance of work and business	rules to my work improving grammatical accuracy. • Introduced to the final set of phonic sounds. • Introduced to the final set of phonic sounds. • Say and write something we do to help the planet.
opportunities from	Y5 Listening Y5 Speaking Y5 Reading Y5 Writing Y5 Grammar
Spanish knowledge	Unit 18 - Ricitos De Oro y Los Tres Osos By the end of this unit we will be able to: Listen more attentively Communicate on a Understand longer Write a paragraph using Revision of gender and nouns and
is increasing - we're keen to prepare our	and for longer. wider range of passages in the foreign familiar language incorporating learn to use and recognise the Understand more of topics and themes. language and start to connectives/conjunctions, a terminology of articles (EG:
children for this.	•Remembering new language using picture, word what we hear even Remember and decode meaning of negative response and definite, indefinite and partitive).
• The vast range of	and phrases cards. • Improve gist reading and gist listening skills. • Attempt to reall a familiar fairy tale in Spanish
countries that speak	using a mini book for support. Increase our knowledge the language and be able to possessive adjectives. Start to
Spanish makes an understanding of	Unit 17 - Las Olimpiadas developed. confidence and strings using knowledge alternatives. EG: My name, my wear', 'he/she wears' and also
the language very	By the end of this unit we will be able to: • Understand the key facts of the ancient and moder of Ummics recounted in Spanish
useful for those who	Learn 10 nouns and articles for common Olympic
want to travel and experience such	sports. •Explore the full present tense conjugation of the
countries.	high frequency verb PRACTICAR. • Look at the adjectival changes involved when you durations of the adjectival changes involved when you Unit 15 - ¿Qué Tiempo Unit 14 - ¿Qué Fecha Es Unit 13 - Phonics 3 and ¿Tienes una
Many aspects	describe a male Olympian or temale Olympian. Hace? Hoy? mascota? Hace By the end of this unit we will be able to: VEAR
of Spanish <b>culture</b> have become	By the end of this unit we will be able to: be able to:
world-renowned	Recognise and recall from memory 21 items     of clothing.     recognise and recall the 9     weather expressions in     weather expressions in     recognise and recall the 12     recognise and recognise and recall the 12     recognise and recognise and recognise and recognise     recognise and recognise and recognise and recognise     recogni
and famous i.e.	• Explore the regular 'ar' whole verb present tense conjugation of the verb LLEVAR to tense conjugation of the verb LLEVAR to
Pablo Picasso.	describe what you and possibly somebody else is wearing. Spanish.
<ul> <li>Spanish and South American sport has</li> </ul>	Revisit the use of the possessive adjective     'Describe the weather in     'Difficulty is and say when     'my' in Spanish and describe clothes in terms     Spain, in Spanish using a     their own birthday is in     'Introduced to the third set of phonic
consistently been	of colour. Victor in the symbols. Spanish. Unit 12 - Mi Clase Sounds. By the end of this unit we will be able to:
among the best in	Y4 Listening Y4 Speaking Y4 Reading Y4 Writing Y4 Grammar •Recall from memory a selection of nouns and indefinite articles for common classroom objects.
the world i.e. World Cup	Learn to listen to Communicate with Read aloud short pieces Write some short Ionger passages and others with improved of text applying phrases based on gender and which articles to use for the source of the sourc
winners in 2010,	understand more of confidence and knowledge learnt from familiar topics and meaning (EG: 'the', 'a' or 'some').
Rafael Nadal has	what we hear by accuracy. Learn to ask Phonics Lessons 1 & 2', begin to use Introduce simple adjectival agreement and answer questions Understand most of connectives/conjunctio (EG: adjectival agreement when Unit 11 - Desayuno en el café
won 13 Grand Slam titles.	words and phrases based on the language what we read in the ns and the negative describing nationality), the negative By the end of this unit we will be able to:
Siam uties.	covered in current and previous units and incorporate a it is based on familiar appropriate. EG: My my pencil case I have' or 'In my breakfast in Spanish.
	negative reply if and language. name, where I live and pencil case I do not have' + Perform a simple role play ordering food, when required. my age. drink and/or snacks in a Spanish café using
How is Spanish delivered?	useful language such as' hello', 'can I have',
uenvereur	Unit 7 - Phonics 2 and Me Unit 8 - La Familia Presento
Weekly lesson.	YEAR By the end of this unit we will be able to: By the end of this unit we will be able to: • Remember the nouns for family to: • Remember the nouns for family to:
<ul> <li>Quick vocab revision</li> </ul>	•Know how count to 20 in Spanish.     Spanish commembers in Spanish from Spanish.     Say and write in Spanish whether we Say and write the key elements live in a house or an apartment.     Say and write the key elements that animals and plants need to
sessions.	•Ask somebody how they are feeling and give an appropriate feeling and give an appropriate
<ul> <li>Yearly MFL learning day to coincide with</li> </ul>	Unit 6 - Caperucita Roja Unit 6 - Caperucita Roja
day to coincide with European Languages	By the end of this unit we will be where they live and reply. adjectives better in Spanish discussive adjectives better in Spanish
Day.	Sit and listen to a familiar story     being told in Spanish.
	Learn to use picture and word cards to recognise and help     Y3 Listening     Y3 Speaking     Y3 Reading     Y3 Reading     Y3 Writing     Y3 Grammar
How is culture	retain new language. Listen to and enjoy Communicate with Read familiar words and Write familiar words & Start to understand the
explored?	short stories, nursery body in Spanish. rhymes & songs. short stories, nursery rhymes & songs.
	Unit 5 - Los Instrumentos Recognise familiar covered in the units. from 'Phonics Lesson 1'. list. EG: 'I play the Use the first person Understand the units. I understand the units. instead 'I like apple'
<ul> <li>Sharign traditional stories.</li> </ul>	By the end of this unit we will be able to: by the end of the end
<ul> <li>Tasting and making</li> </ul>	instruments in Spanish. taught. foreign language
food.	nouns with their correct definite
Studying and	article/determiner in Spanish. • Learn how to say I play an Unit 2 - La Fruta
<ul><li>creating art.</li><li>Listening and</li></ul>	instrument in Spanish. Unit 3 - Los Animales By the end of this unit we will be able to: Aprendo Español VEAD
creating music.	Unit 4 - La Historia de la Antigua Gran Bretaña By the end of this unit we will be able to: •Name and recognise up to 10 •Name and recognise up to 10 •Name in the to 10 fuilts in Spanish.
Learning about	• Name in Spanish, the six key periods of ancient Britain, introduced in chronological order.     • Attempt to spell some of these
traditional dance.	Say in Spanish three of the types of people who lived in ancient Britain, where they lived and what their hunting     article.     Ask somebody in Spanish if they     learn up to 10 colours and count
<ul> <li>Joining in with festivals and</li> </ul>	• Pretend that we are a particular     • Pretend that we are a particular     • Ike a particular fruit.     from 1-10 in Spanish.
celebrations.	Remember accurately from memory and use the Spanish for '1 am' (soy), '1 have' (tengo) and '1 live' (vivo).     Say what fruits we like and dislike in Spanish.     Say what fruits we like and dislike     in Spanish.     Introduced to the first set of phonic sounds.

# **Curriculum Impact**



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### Education for 'life in all its fullness.'

Learners are prepared for the next stage in life by acquiring the knowledge, skills and understanding needed in order to take advantage of the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life as responsible respectful and active citizens.

### **Pupil Achievement**

Pupils demonstrate ambition and strive for excellence within a coherent curriculum, resulting in strong progress throughout their learning journey. They are provided with opportunities to achieve the greater depth standard, fostering a culture of high aspirations. Children not only acquire knowledge, skills, and understanding but also retain it, demonstrating their ability to apply and extend their learning effectively. Personal Development Children thrive by embracing and embodying the school vision in both their academic pursuits and their conduct within and beyond the school premises. Through a holistic approach to personal development, they cultivate an understanding of how to thrive in an inclusive, healthy environment while recognising and navigating potential dangers. The curriculum fosters confidence, resilience, and mental well-being, equipping learners with the skills and knowledge to make safe and informed decisions both within the school community and in wider society. The positive values, traits, and dispositions instilled in our learners motivate them to act responsibly and contribute positively to the school and supported communities. Pupil Outcomes

The curriculum fosters strong progress throughout, nurturing well-rounded, cultured, inquisitive, caring, and kind individuals who are resilient and knowledgeable. Through inspirational and innovative education underpinned by a deeply Christian ethos, learners develop the confidence to explore, the creativity to innovate, and the knowledge and skills to excel. Children are prepared to experience 'life in all its fullness' and emerge as self-assured individuals ready to navigate their own path in the world.

Our curriculum provides opportunities for growth in mind, body and spirit through inspirational and innovative education underpinned by a deeply Christian ethos. Those who learn and work here develop confidence, embrace creativity and enhance their knowledge and skills so that they can experience 'life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10) The curriculum is the driving force behind this philosophy and in achieving our vision for the school.

### Strategic Intention 1 - MIND

High expectations and aspirations in all areas of school life create an inspirational learning environment where knowledge is acquired through discovery. Creativity, the development of academic habits and skills, and broadening children's hopes and aspirations help to engender an enjoyment for learning and secure excellent pupil outcomes. Learners are well prepared for any future path they choose.

- An enabling culture of continuous improvement is embedded.
- The pursuit of excellence based on the highest expectations and aspirations from and for all thrives.
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills, confidence and resilience are frequent.
- Learners educate, communicate and build enduring relationships with internal and external communities.
- Learners have open aspirations of the future and flourish.
- A broad and balanced curriculum is proudly promoted.
- Creativity is nurtured across the curriculum including areas such as music, drama and the arts, information and other technologies, sustainable development, sport etc.
- Learners are encouraged to flourish, shaping aspirations including non-academic skills. Talents are developed in all areas of life.

### **Strategic Intention 2 - BODY**

Safety and wellbeing of learners is paramount, where every child matters and, crucially knows they matter. Learners are welcome to explore who they are, develop confidence and emotional intelligence thus ensuring that they become the best versions of themselves within an accepting and understanding community.

- Learners understand community and live well together.
- Learners are encouraged to celebrate the wonderful variety of ways to be human.
- Emotional awareness, tolerance and respect prevail.
- The unique talents of every child are embraced.
- Learners are taught how to protect themselves and others and to enjoy their own uniqueness and the uniqueness of others.
- Within a welcoming environment, personal progression is enabled.
- Learners understand the power of healthy relationships where they respect and offer dignity to others.
- Diversity and equality is promoted across the curriculum.
- Cohesion is actively promoted to encourage collaboration outside of social groups.
- Learners are allowed to falter; to get things wrong and try again as they work out how to be in a relationship with themselves and others. They see modelled a community of compassion that makes this possible.
- Human identity in all its forms is celebrated ensuring dignity and respect.
- Learners understand that we are all created equally in God's image.



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### **Strategic Intention 3 - SPIRIT**

Supporting spiritual growth for learners, wherever they are on their faith journey, is central to our community life. Prayer and worship are supported by an innovative curriculum where ideas are expressed creatively to develop the spirit and contribute to life in all its fullness. The Christian values of COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS, FRIENDSHIP and TRUST empower learners to lead by example.

- Learners develop strength to embrace change.
- Learners show courageous advocacy, driving ethical decisions affirming what is right.
- Learners thrive in a shared society.
- Learners are supported to be the change they want to see in the world.
- Learners offer radical hospitality and are welcoming to all.
- Learners develop a prophetic voice and stand for their truth.
- Learners challenge injustice and are committed to justice.
- Learners become agents of change.
- Learners are ambassadors who can make a positive contribution.
- Learners experience meaningful opportunities for spiritual encounter across the curriculum.
- Character development impacts on wider society enabling people to flourish together.
- Learners live Christian values as an outworking of our vision.