

## Butler's Hill Curriculum Statement



At Butler's Hill Infant and Nursery School, every child matters. Our curriculum has been carefully designed to ensure our children have the very best start on their educational journey and are well prepared for the next phase of their education and for life beyond our school.

Our curriculum allows children to develop language, vocabulary and communication skills whilst building a deep understanding of the world around them through meaningful first-hand experiences. Learning is carefully sequenced to ensure children acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to be successful learners and confident individuals.

At Butler's Hill, we make learning irresistible. We spark curiosity, enthusiasm and a love of learning through high-quality teaching, engaging experiences, educational visits, visitors and purposeful play. Children learn best when they feel safe, valued, listened to and challenged. We strive to create an environment where children are happy, confident and excited to learn.

We are committed to developing the whole child and recognise that literacy and numeracy are only part of the educational jigsaw. We want our children to leave Butler's Hill as caring, creative and confident individuals who have high aspirations, respect for others and a strong sense of belonging within their community and the wider world.

Our curriculum is underpinned by our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience and is enriched through British Values, the Protected Characteristics and our commitment to inclusion and equality. We celebrate diversity and teach children to value themselves and others, preparing them to become active and respectful citizens.

We believe children learn best when they understand how they learn. Through Growth Mindset approaches, metacognitive strategies and Skills Builder essential skills, children develop independence, perseverance, communication skills and confidence to tackle new challenges.

Reading sits at the heart of our curriculum. Through Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) Phonics and a love of quality children's literature, we ensure all children develop the knowledge and confidence to become successful readers. Writing is taught through Pathways to Write, providing meaningful contexts that inspire children to become articulate and creative writers.

Our mathematics curriculum follows White Rose Maths, enabling children to develop fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills through carefully sequenced learning. Science encourages children to ask questions, investigate, explore and develop a sense of wonder about the world around them.

Children's personal development is supported through Jigsaw PSHE, which helps them develop emotional literacy, wellbeing, healthy relationships and an understanding of their place in the world. Purple Mash Computing develops children's digital literacy and prepares them for an increasingly technological future.

Play is central to life at Butler's Hill. Through our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme, children develop creativity, resilience, collaboration, problem-solving skills and confidence. We believe play is a powerful vehicle for learning and personal development and provides valuable opportunities for children to take risks, build relationships and develop independence.

We aim for our curriculum to be both knowledge-rich and skills-based. We recognise the importance of intelligent repetition and retrieval practice, understanding that learning becomes secure when it is remembered and applied over time. Our curriculum is designed to help children know more, remember more and do more as they move through our school.

Overall, we aim for our curriculum to enable our children to be:

Caring, Creative and Confident

Whilst following our philosophy to:

Dream Big, Aim High