

St James Church of England Primary School

Journey Curriculum Handbook



St James C.E Primary School



Introduction to the Journey Curriculum:

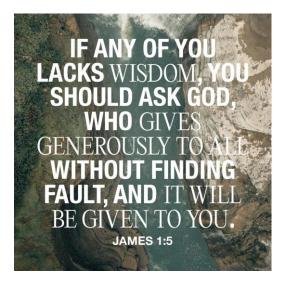
Our Journey Curriculum has been designed by St James C of E Primary School to provide a bespoke, unique, and exciting learning experience which, through the nurturing of curiosity, aims for our pupils to develop into articulate learners with high aspirations. Within this broad and balanced approach, we place an important emphasis on developing resilience and perseverance and promoting wellbeing and health, with reading as the key to everything that we do.

Our 'knowledge-engaged' approach to subject disciplines, provides opportunities to build upon both knowledge and skills. Subjects are discretely taught (using Development Matters and the National Curriculum as a basis and enhanced by carefully selected pedagogical research) and focussed upon progressively developing pupils' knowledge, skills and 'vital vocabulary'; attributes which our pupils can then take on through every step of their academic journey.

All subjects are centrally driven by our seven Journey Drivers, which permeate throughout everything that we do. Each Driver has a religious foundation, with a carefully considered message from the Bible that promotes our Christian distinctiveness. With all eight Drivers woven throughout all subject disciplines, each year group then has a poignant focus Driver, that they explore in depth throughout the year. These interlinked Drivers, based on developing both character and spirituality, ensure that the pupils of St James CE Primary School accrue the attributes necessary for a happy and successful future based on learning, laughing, and living with the love of God in all that they do.

Purpose

The purpose of our Journey Curriculum is to ensure that our children are successful in life and learning, no matter what their starting points and barriers to learning may be. Just as the journey undertaken by thousands of Christians each year along the Camino de Santiago to the tomb of St James symbolises faith, courage and hope, the Journey Curriculum is designed to offer our children the opportunity to develop their own faith, their own spirit and hope for the future in terms of their achievements and aspirations. As a school, our curriculum sets high expectations for each and every child, meaning that we are relentless in our commitment to overcoming barriers faced by our pupils and to developing children who are self-motivated in their pursuit of learning. St James urges us to ask God for wisdom as we journey through life and with this in mind, our Journey Curriculum signifies our commitment to accruing wisdom at every level, thus allowing children to flourish across their time with us and beyond.

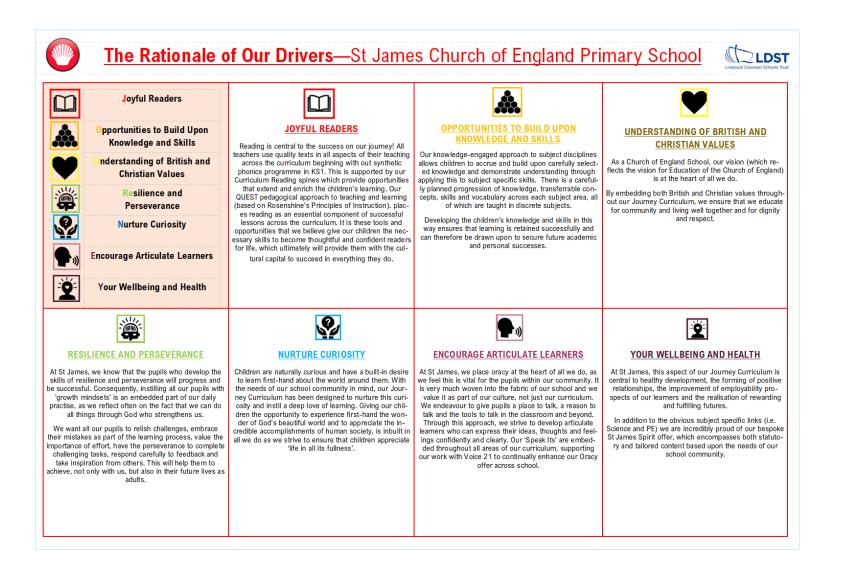


Our Journey Drivers:

Joyful Readers Opportunities to Build Upon Knowledge and Skills Understanding of British and Christian Values Resilience and Perseverance Nurture Curiosity Encourage Articulate Learners Your Wellbeing and Health



The Rationale of our Journey Drivers:

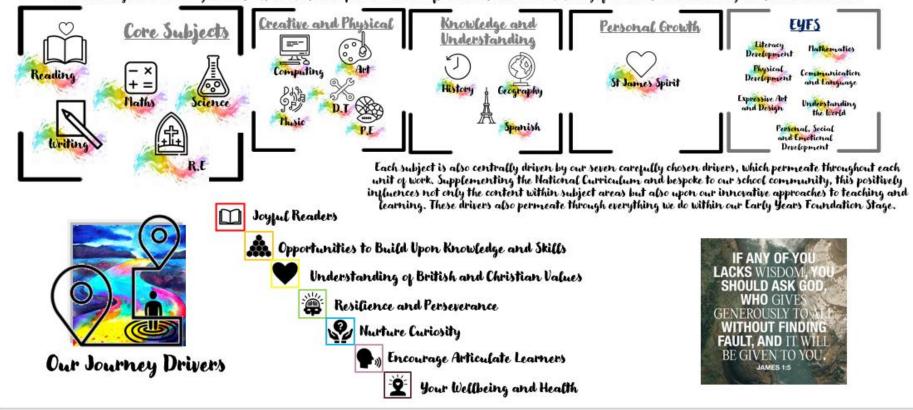




Our Journey Curriculum:



In the Early Years Foundation Stage, the delivery of our Journey Curriculum begins through our provision across the seven areas of learning and development. We view EYFS as the 'bedrock' of juture subject specific learning and as such EYFS pupils explore subject disciplines in an appropriate manner. In Year 1 and beyond, subjects are then discretely taught – all of which have a carefully crafted purpose and are sequenced to be delivered based upon proven research (ed, pedagogical approaches. Here, the National Curriculum provides the basis for the sequencing of content throughout our Journey Curriculum; however, the scope is enriched to reflect the children and community of our school and enhanced by our clear Christian ethos.









Opportunities to Build On Knowledge and Skills



<u>Understanding of Knowledge and Skills</u>



<u>Resilience and Perseverance</u>







Encourage Articulate Learners



Curriculum Statements: Core Subjects.



English

We believe that language and literacy is fundamental to the overall development of the child and their access to the curriculum in all aspects. Our teaching of English aims to equip children with the skills they need to become confident, joyful readers who can write confidently in all areas of the curriculum. Children build upon knowledge and skills previously taught, while developing the resilience and perseverance needed to make progress. Our writing curriculum, which is text driven, is innovative and inspiring, allowing children to nurture the love of language. We strive to encourage our pupils to become independent, enthusiastic, lifelong readers and writers with British and Christian values at the heart of teaching and learning





<u>Mathematics</u>

At St James Church of England Primary School, we provide a high-quality mathematics education utilising a mastery approach so that all children: become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics; are able to reason mathematically with increasing articulacy; and can solve problems by applying their understanding to a variety of problems. Our inclusive mathematics curriculum provides challenge for all pupils with teachers choosing to progress to new learning only when the majority of learners have a secure understanding. Challenge occurs through depth of understanding with an offer of rich and sophisticated problems rather than new content. Our mathematics curriculum aims to develop the five core mathematical competencies in all of our learners – therefore providing a foundation for our children to understand the world around them knowing both the beauty and power of mathematics in its own right and how it can be applied to other subjects across the curriculum including Science and Computing.





<u>Religious Education</u>

In RE we intend to give children the opportunities to build on children's knowledge and skills of faiths as Christians. Developing an understanding of the teachings of Jesus through being a joyful reader and being immersed in the teaching of the bible nurtures the children's curiosity of different world religions. We promote children's well-being through learning from the teachings of Jesus to develop our spirituality and caring for others using Jesus as the example. We encourage children to be articulate learners to speak openly others about their own beliefs and ideas and recognise how they can be both similar and different to others around them.





<u>Science</u>

The intention of our Science curriculum is for all our children to develop an age-appropriate understanding of the knowledge, methods, processes, and uses of Science, through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics. Understanding 'The Bigger Scientific Picture' of their learning will allow our children to develop their own understanding of the impact of Science upon the world around them and answer deepening scientific questions– comprehending that this has implications both today and in the future. Our bespoke curriculum design promotes children's natural curiosity and excitement of Science with a rich variety of experiences and observations, tailored to the meet the needs of our learners. As children progress through school, they will become more proficient in different types of scientific enquiry, applying their growing knowledge to work scientifically through our knowledge-enabled approach. With rich links to reading and employment in Scientific industries, science capital can be developed while promoting positive attitudes to STEM, thus influencing aspirations for future study and employment.

Joyful Readers		<u>.</u>	
Opportunities to Build Upon Knowledge and Skills	JOYFUL READERS	OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD UPON KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	UNDERSTANDING OF BRITISH AND CHRISTIAN VALUES
Understanding of British and Christian Values	Use of quality subject specific texts to en- hance and extend understanding through use	Subject planning and delivery sequenced and includes:	Christian Values:
Resilience and Perseverance	of reading spines. Opportunities for wider scientific reading.	Creation of progressive knowledge planners including key vocabulary	Creation, Endurance.
Nurture Curiosity	Library service.	Schema within and across subjects	British Value:
Encourage Articulate Learners		Opportunities for collaboration	Mutual respect.
Your Wellbeing and Health		Retrieval opportunities, including knowledge organisers	
		Quest approach to lesson delivery	
		Built around Journey drivers.	
	\$ 2	_ 3	<u>×</u>
RESILIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE	NURTURE CURIOSITY	ENCOURAGE ARTICULATE LEARNERS	YOUR WELLBEING AND HEALTH
Coverage of five strands of scientific enquiry promoting independence.	Five strands of scientific enquiry. Practical Science expectations throughout	Key vocabulary including Scientific Language encouraging children to think and speak like a scientist.	Curriculum content: Environmental studies, safety, healthy diet and living, importance of exercise, drugs and alcohol impact, lifecycles
Child-led investigations , where in children lead the direction of enquiry.	the curriculum. Study of key scientists.	Use verbal discussion and debate .	and reproduction.
Expectation for children to self-plan, record and analyse scientific enquiry.	Opportunities for child-led investigations. Opportunities for wider reading.		Promote Personal Development and Wellbe- ing by: Appreciation of the natural world, Sense of awe and wonder

Curriculum Statements: Creative and Physical.

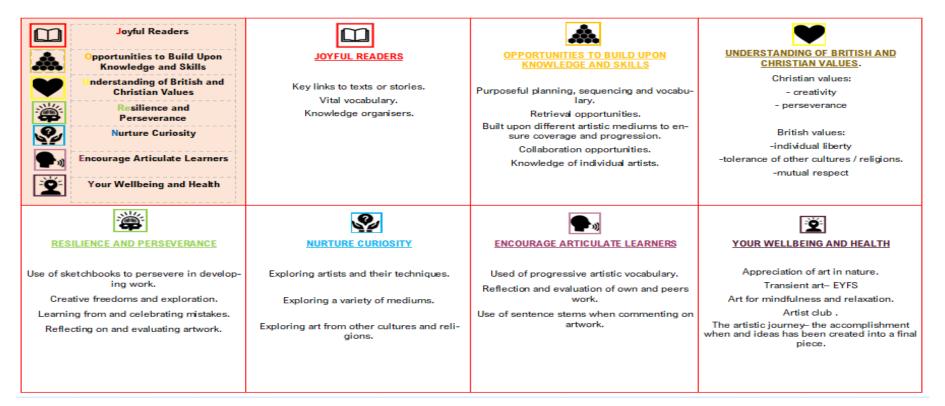


At St James, we believe that Computing is vital to preparing our children to the world around them as technology surrounds us. Computing encourages children to become innovative, creative thinkers, problem-solvers and resilient. Children will work as individuals and in groups to encourage and create articulate learners. The use of computers and other Computing tools will be incorporated into other curriculum areas so that it becomes a working tool in the classroom and to nurture the curiosity of the children. We believe Computing is a tool by which children with emotional, physical or communication difficulties may use to support them in fulfilling their potential.

Joyful Readers Joyful Readers Opportunities to Build Upon Knowledge and Skills Understanding of British and Christian Values Resilience and Perseverance Nurture Curiosity Encourage Articulate Learners Your Wellbeing and Health	JOYFUL READERS JOYFUL READERS Including interesting reading into lessons using quality texts. Incorporating our library service into Compu- ting.	DEPORTUNITIES TO BUILD UPON KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS Building on prior knowledge from previous topics and year groups. Time to implement knowledge and skills into different contexts. Using knowledge organisers to practice re- trieval skills. Always recapping and referring to key vocab- ulary in Computing lessons.	UNDERSTANDING OF BRITISH AND CHRISTIAN VALUES. Respecting ourselves and others online. Linking our Christian and Brifish values to online scenarios.
ESILIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE Open ended tasks to promote perseverance. Practicing debugging scenarios into computing lessons to encourage the children of St James to become more resilient and to per- severe.	USE NURTURE CURIOSITY Using different programs and websites to hook children into their learning. Asking a question and allowing the children to follow investigations. Including STEM opportunities in the class- room. Trying to include technology across the cur- riculum.	ENCOURAGE ARTICULATE LEARNERS ENCOURAGE ARTICULATE LEARNERS Creating discussion time in the classroom so children can articulate their learning. Allowing children to explain concepts and processes to peers and adults. Whole class discussions to address miscon- ceptions. Insisting on key vocabulary being used during discussions.	EXPLICIENCY OF CONTROL

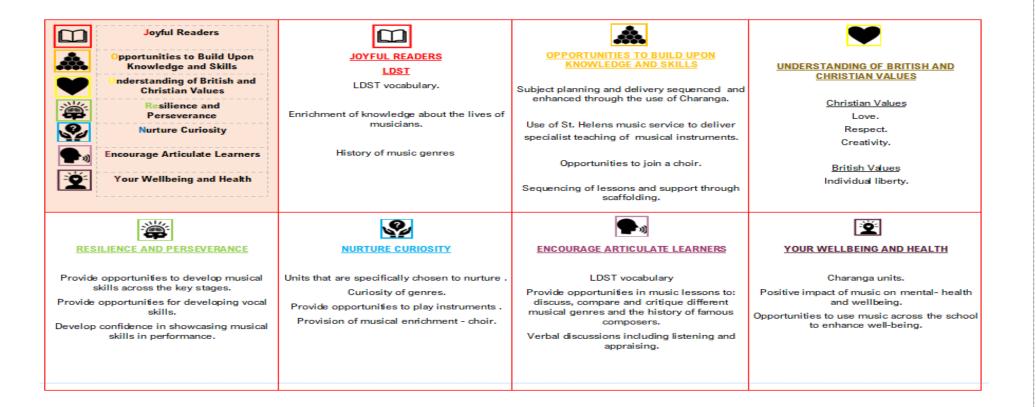


The intention of our art curriculum is to stimulate creativity, imagination, and individuality. Art at St James gives pupils the skills, concepts, and knowledge necessary for them to express and record their ideas as well as exploring the work of others. Children can explore and develop skills for different mediums progressively including collage, 3D, printing, and digital media. Children at St James can appreciate the work of well-known or local artists and learn about what inspires them. Children look at how the artist produced their work, rehearse those techniques themselves and then use these to produce work of their own in the same style. Our children learn how art links to real life artistic jobs such as designers and photographers to develop their aspirations for the future.





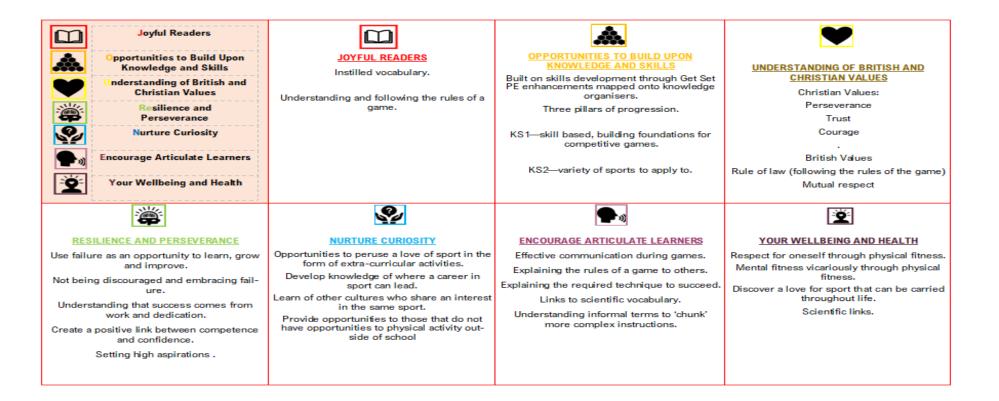
Our music curriculum will engage and inspire pupils, developing their love for and interest in music. It will develop their skills and confidence in playing musical instruments as well as nurturing their critical engagement, eventually with them being able to appraise and compose pieces of music. The teaching and learning of music develops children's knowledge, skills and understanding so they can perform with increasing competence and confidence in a range of activities. Music lessons facilitate the communication of musical dimensions (timbre, pitch, texture, tempo, duration, structure & dynamics), through composition, improvisation, listening and appraising to develop an understanding of music from different eras and cultures which enable children to develop their skills and techniques as singers, instrumentalists, and performers.





The intention of our physical education curriculum is to develop physical literacy through a holistic, knowledge-based design.

We provide opportunities for our pupils to develop through the three pillars of progression. Pupils first develop motor competence through fundamental movement skills (FMS) such as running, balancing, and catching. This foundation of FMS then allows pupils to apply these skills to rules and cultivate strategies and tactics, deciding how and when to move within the relevant context. Once this has been achieved, pupils can engage in healthy participation that will cultivate trust and mutual respect. Pupils may also make links between health and how it applies to physical activity and make informed choices using this knowledge by exploring their curiosity through extra-curricular activities.





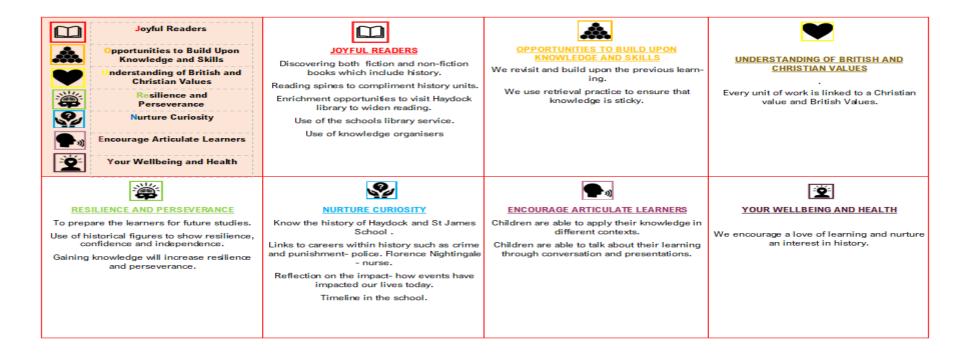
Our design and technology curriculum prepares children to take part in the development of the rapidly changing world. At St James we encourage children to foster an interest in designing and making, whilst developing their curiosity about how different technologies operate within the wider world around them. Our bespoke curriculum design ensures that children take part in focused purposeful tasks in which they progressively develop practical skills and technical knowledge, spanning across the four disciplines of: food, textiles, structures, and mechanisms throughout each year group.

Joyful ReadersImage: Spectrum of	JOYFUL READERS JOYFUL READERS Incorporation of reading across DT. Fiction and non-fiction. Vital vocabulary. Knowledge organisers.	COMPORTUNITIES TO BUILD UPON KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS Purposeful planning, sequencing and vocabu- lary. Retrieval opportunities. Built upon progression within four key areas of DT. Collaboration opportunities.	UNDERSTANDING OF BRITISH AND CHRISTIAN VALUES Christian values: . creativity . perseverance British values: .individual liberty .perseverance
RESILIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE Independent exploration in EYFS- loose parts and junk modelling. Open ended design brief led tasks to pro- mote creativity and encourage pupils to fol- low their own ideas. Learning from and celebrating mistakes.	Exploration with materials, tools and re- sources. DT delivered through: Food Textiles Structures Mechanisms	ENCOURAGE ARTICULATE LEARNERS Use of progressive vocabulary. Reflection and evaluation of own and peers work. Use of sentence stems when commenting on work.	Enjoyment of design. Links to healthy eating Accomplishment in seeing the journey of an idea through to a final piece.

<u>Curriculum Statements: Knowledge and Understanding.</u>

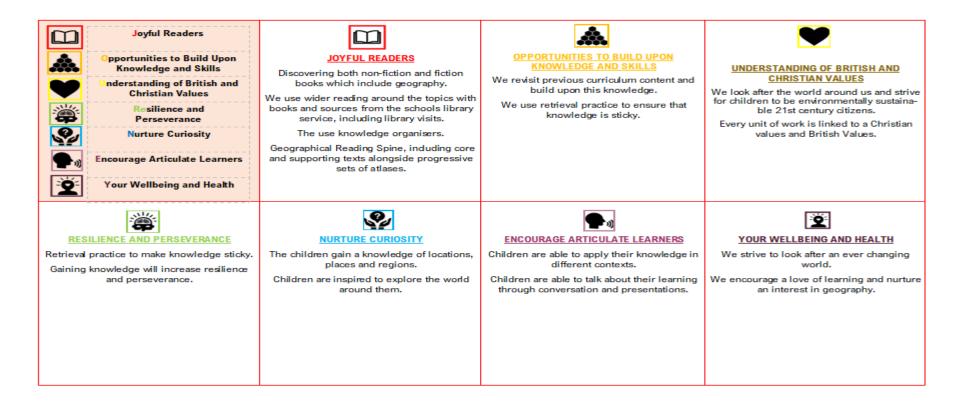
Our history curriculum will engage and inspire curiosity, while encouraging children to think critically and ask questions. At St James we use the study of carefully selected Historical units and Historical figures (chosen to meet our bespoke community needs). This enables our children to coherently recall key knowledge whilst also developing their skills of communication and historical enquiry skills by interpreting and analysing of a range of sources. We teach children to understand how events in the past have influenced our lives today.

By the end of KS2, our children will begin to piece together how significant periods of History have impacted upon one another applying a deepening understanding of chronological frameworks. They will be curious about the role of History within their lives today and how it has impacted upon their own identity and the lives of others.





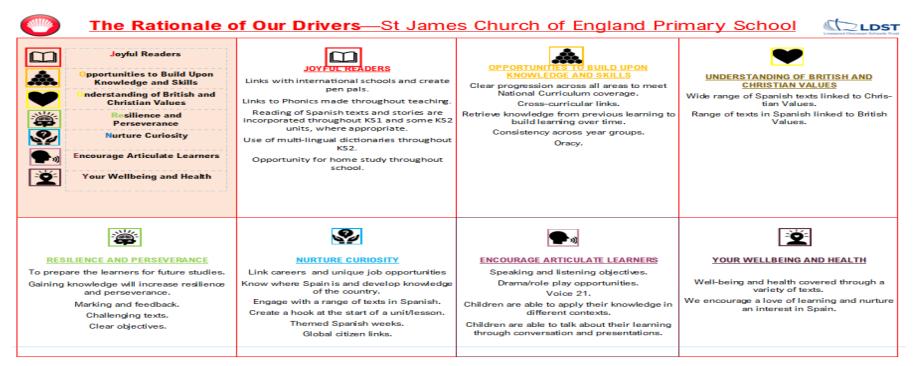
The intention of our Geography curriculum is for our children to have a growing knowledge of 'locations, places, and regions' on a local, national, and international scale through the study of significant Geographical topics. We progressively build upon our geographical skills through a deepening understanding of Human and Physical Geography alongside the application of key geographical skills throughout all units. We prepare children to participate in the rapidly changing world and develop children's enthusiasm and enjoyment of geographical learning. We cultivate an interest in their local area and the wider world to capture children's natural curiosity about the world. We strive for our children to be environmentally sustainable, 21st century citizens, that can begin to appreciate our ever-changing world—something our children will take with them for the rest of their lives.





Modern Foreign Languages

The chosen language for our MFL curriculum is Spanish, delivered by a subject specialist from the Primary Languages Network. The content of our curriculum is mapped progressively, within the four areas of language, speaking, listening, reading and writing. Although non-statutory, Spanish is introduced in KS1 (mainly through songs and actions), as it allows our children to have a great starting point in learning a language and means our children begin to develop their knowledge, primarily within the areas of speaking and listening. Building on the knowledge accrued within Key Stage 1, reading and writing are progressively taught alongside speaking and listening, throughout Key Stage 2, for 30 minutes per week. The learning of a language also promotes global citizenship, developing cultural understanding and providing our children with a deeper insight into beliefs, customs and cultures within the world around them. This is an integral part of our St James Journey Curriculum.



Curriculum Statement: Personal Growth.

<u>St. James' Spirit</u>

At St James we aim to encourage mutual respect, responsibility, and foster self-esteem in a happy, caring, and Christian environment and to provide children with the skills, knowledge, understanding, attitudes and values to thrive in the community we serve and live and grow into adulthood. We offer activities and experiences across and beyond the curriculum. We strive to develop children's wellbeing and nurture their worth, ability to work well with others and become increasingly responsible for their own development. We aim to develop a curiosity to reflect on their experiences and understand how they are developing personally and socially, tackling many of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues that are part of growing up in today's society. All children learn to understand and respect our common humanity; diversity and differences so they can go on to form effective, fulfilling relationships that are an essential part of life and learning.

Joyful Readers Joyful Readers Opportunities to Build Upon Knowledge and Skills Image: State of the state o	JOYFUL READERS Books relating to topics taught. Research to deepen understanding. Picture News to develop articulate learn- ers.	OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD UPON KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	UNDERSTANDING OF BRITISH AND CHRISTIAN VALUES Christian values covered throughout the year through lessons and through collective worship. British Values covered throughout the year. Democracy through choice of activities such as circle time. Tolerance of other faiths. SMSC woven throughout the school
RESILIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE The bespoke St James Spirit promotes resilience and perseverance at eve- ry level.	NURTURE CURIOSITY NURTURE CURIOSITY The bespoke St James' Spirit nurtures curiosity at all levels. Christian underpinning driven by life in all fullness. Children to be out-wood looking and curious of the world around them.	ENCOURAGE ARTICULATE LEARNERS An aspirational curriculum. Pupil leadership through Smart School Council. Oracy 21. Smart School Council	EEE YOUR WELLBEING AND HEALTH SRE. E-Aware. Behaviour approaches. External visitors. Road Safety. Anti Bully week

Curriculum Statement: Early Years Foundation Stage.

The intention of our Early Years curriculum is to encourage independent, inquisitive and happy learners. Within our curriculum we teach key knowledge and develop fundamental skills across the 7 areas of learning. We want to give our children a strong foundation to begin their learning journey at St James through encouraging meaningful play.



