

The Emmaus Federation Curriculum Intent

The aim of the curriculum at The Emmaus Federation is to prepare the children for the future, both in education and in life. To do so, the children need to have a solid understanding of the National Curriculum, which is taught in full and brought to life through a variety of rich and vibrant cultural experiences.

The ambitions for our curriculum:

- High aspirations permeate across the school
- The school offers a host of cultural experiences and enrichment opportunities
- Our pupils develop a love of life-long reading
- British Values are an intrinsic part of the school

We use the strap-line, “Small Village, Big Horizons” to articulate our vision for the school. This is because Lincolnshire is an isolated area-in terms of transport, culture and location. We want our curriculum to expand the experiences and ambitions of our pupils. We want our pupils to learn about local knowledge alongside national and global information. For example, the local area is explored through the history of the Pilgrim Fathers or pupils are able to compare and contrast our local environment with that of English cities and places across the wider world, such as America and Eastern Europe (the latter because many of our children are from countries in eastern Europe).

We are passionate about reading in school. We want our children to have a wide and expressive vocabulary. We do this by delivering early phonics teaching and ensure our books are phonetically matched. We teach literacy through text-based writing and we use Accelerated Reader and daily reading carousels.

The school promotes the British values of democracy and respect for others. Our topics are culturally diverse and fit with our ‘Small Village, Big Horizons’ theme. For example, we teach a topic on The British Empire which looks at the contributions that have been made by members of the British Empire alongside some of the barriers and prejudices faced. We ensure British values underpins everything we do and pride ourselves on being a caring and welcoming Church of England primary school based in rural Lincolnshire.