

'IF WE ARE TO UNDERSTAND HOW TEACHING RELATES TO LEARNING, WE HAVE TO BEGIN AT THE CLOSEST POINT TO THAT LEARNING; AND THAT IS STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE.'

Nuthall (2007)<sup>1</sup>

Nuthall identifies the main obstacle to learning to be when 'new knowledge doesn't have sufficient grounding in students' existing knowledge'<sup>2</sup>. This is particularly relevant for learners at primary school where at such a young age, life experiences can very hugely. As stated in the Highfield Assessment, Feedback and Marking Policy, 'our learners are 'novices' and may have little or no prior knowledge when learning a topic for the first time.' We therefore endeavour to give our pupils the opportunity to see, feel, touch, experience, witness and read about the ideas they will be learning about and develop concrete foundations on which to build new knowledge or add to existing understanding. This is also consistent with and supports our approach to high quality instructional and responsive teaching. Such social and cultural experiences and exposure constitutes significant cultural capital, 'giving context and reference points to topics that allow students to build schema'. For these reasons, 'Enrichment' is one of the four curriculum key drivers at Highfield.

'WHEN IT COMES TO STRATEGY, CONTEXT IS EVERYTHING.'

Buck (2018)4

The wider curriculum opportunities support the teaching of individual subjects, but also seek to widen children's horizons as to what they can achieve through fostering a culture of aspiration and achievement. This has a direct impact upon improving pupil self-belief, motivation, and enjoyment of learning. The enrichment strategy helps pupils be confident and ambitious by showing them what is 'out there' and experiencing visits and great visitors'<sup>4</sup>. We seek to make this even more 'powerful'<sup>4</sup> by utilizing people children recognize 'who look and sound like them doing amazing things with their lives'.<sup>4</sup> This gives context and relevance to help inspire our children. This supports our inclusive, aspirational culture of learning where children are given the opportunity to achieve. This is explored further in the Highfield Assessment, Feedback and Marking Policy 2023-24.

The enrichment activities detailed below are by no means the full offer. We continually look for opportunities to enrich our learning through experiences which we arise throughout the school year. So far in the school year 2023-24, we have also enjoyed the following:

Arts week (independent artists working with every child in school), Leeds United matchday trip, Alwoodley Climate Action, a Carnival hosted by Yorkshire Entertainment, Bhangra Dancing with professional dancers, a visit from West Yorkshire Police, World Kindness Day talk from Leeds Children's Charity at Lineham Farm, Leeds United Primary Choices workshops, dodgeball tournaments at Roundhay High, cross-country competitions and girls tennis club hosted by Shadwell Tennis Club



Year Group		Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reception	1 trip	Autumn walk in school grounds	Winter walk in school grounds	Newby Hall
	Visitors and	Dental hygienist	lan's Farm visit/Temple Newsam Farm	Fit Week activities
	workshops in	Visit from a baby	visit	
	school	Stay and Craft	Chicks and ducklings Visit from a vet/RSPCA	
	After School Clubs		Rugby Tots	
Year 1	2 trips		Local Area buildings walk	Scarborough
	Visitors and	Visit from a doctor or nurse	lan's Farm visit	Fit Week activities
	workshops in	Old toys in the classroom	Skipping Festival with Skipping School	
	school		Spring Concert	
	After School Clubs	French	Rugby Tots	French
			French	Art
			Art	
Year 2	2 trips		York Railway Museum	1066 Workshop and re-enactment
	Visitors and	Florence Nightingale workshop	Dental visit	Fit Week activities
	workshops in			Lady Catherine visits (1066)
	school			
	After School Clubs	French	French	French
		Choir	Art	Art
			Drama	Drama
Year 3	4 trips	Armley Mills Victorian Classroom	Synagogue	Moortown walk
				Tropical World
	Visitors and		Egyptian Artefact Workshop with	Fit Week activities
	workshops in		Cleopatra	
	school		Joseph Production	
	After School Clubs	Choir	Drama	Drama



			Gymnastics	Gymnastics
			Computer Club	Computer Club
Year 4	3 trips	Robin Hood's Bay Residential	Murton Park Invaders and Settlers	
		Sikh Gurdwara		
	Visitors and		Inspirational People Workshop	Environmental visitor
	workshops in		Chinese/Lunar New Year Speaker	Fit Week activities
	school		Granthi visit from Gurdwara	Cricket coaching from YCCC
			First Aid Training	
	After School Clubs	Chess Club	Chess Club	Chess Club
		Choir	Choir	Choir
		Gymnastics		Computer Club
		Drama		Drama
Year 5	2 trips plus	WW2 Immersion Day	Nell Bank river study	Bradford Media Museum Earth and
	swimming			Space
	Visitors and	Play in a Day Konflux Theatre	Play in a Day Konflux Theatre	Steel Pans
	workshops in	WW2 theme day in school	Bridge Building Workshop	Fit Week activities
	school		Northern Ballet workshop	Cricket coaching from YCCC
	After School Clubs	Chess Club	Chess Club	Rugby
		Choir	Choir	Cricket
		Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Chess Club
		Drama		Choir
				Computer Club
				Drama
Year 6	4 trips	Theatre visit	Barbara Hepworth museum	Marrick Residential
			Mosque	
	Visitors and	Tudor theme day in school	Sculpture workshop	Leeds United PSHE team visit
	workshops in	Young Shakespeare Company		Engineering talk – focus on prosthetics
	school	Bikeability (cycling proficiency)		and female role models
	After School Clubs	Netball	Netball	Rugby
		Football	Football	Art



		Maths	Maths	Maths
		Chess Club	Chess Club	Chess Club
		Choir	Choir	Choir
		Gymnastics		Computer Club
				Drama
Whole School		St John's Church Carol Service at	Police – Community Support Officers	Inspirational Athlete Workshops (fit
visits		Christmas (KS2), Rev Sharon Carol	Presentation	week)
V131C3		Service with KS1		
		NSPCC – Speak out stay safe		Kooth – Mental Health workshop
		Pumpkin Parties		

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