

Kymbrook and Thurleigh Primary Schools Federation
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Curriculum update

In the summer term, staff across both schools began to review our curriculum. We started off by asking ourselves the question “What do we want our schools to have given our children by the time they leave us in year 6? Staff came up with a range of words and phrases including confidence, kindness and empathy, a thirst for learning and happy memories – these are now displayed on the hall window for all to see.

Following this, we thought about topics that had gone well and why, and about what we thought about our current curriculum. As a result, we decided to tweak some aspects of our teaching and learning, and completely change others, in order to provide a relevant, purposeful & fun curriculum for our children. We want it to engage, develop and extend learning and then give children a chance to evaluate their learning at the end of each topic.

Our “sparkling starts” help to hook learners in to the new topic and set the scene and context for learning. We can then ask questions to provoke thought and interest. To develop the learning we teach knowledge and skills to provide a depth of understanding and provide creative opportunities for making and doing. The “marvellous middles” help children to either visit different aspects of the topic, or help to consolidate learning. We are then able to extend learning by providing opportunities for creative thinking and application of previously learned skills. Towards the end of the topic, children are encouraged to reflect, celebrate their successes and have opportunities to share their learning with others, through a “fabulous finish”.

The children have really enjoyed their learning so far this term and have produced some fantastic work. Their enthusiasm and thirst for learning was clearly evident recently when Governors visited and talked to them as part of their regular monitoring.

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