

Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School

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Curriculum Intent and Rationale

Intent

Through our curriculum at Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School we aim to offer exciting, relevant and motivational experiences that will inspire pupils to want to know more. A curriculum that builds their confidence as learners and empowers them to become open-minded, responsible and well-rounded individuals.

Through high quality teaching and learning we aim to offer active, challenging, and inspiring learning opportunities which highlight human creativity and achievement.

It is our aim that the pupils of Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School will realise their true potential to achieve and succeed, not just at school, but as educated citizens within their own community and on a wider global scale. We want the pupils' learning to be more 'outward-facing', enabling them to become resilient and happy individuals who not only care about themselves, but about others and the environment.

Through our strong commitment to our school values, we aim to empower our pupils to be proud of themselves and to have the confidence to follow their interests and talents. Based on these values it is our intention for our pupils to develop aspirations which they will continue to develop through their educational journey at Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School and beyond into their future learning.

We use Dimensions 'Learning Means the World' Curriculum as the main vehicle for achieving our outlined intent.

This curriculum is underpinned by four highly relevant world issues, known as the four Cs:-

Culture

Communication

Conflict

Conservation

Communication

We believe that our pupils at Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School need to understand the immense power of good communication skills; academically, socially, and emotionally. Being able to communicate clearly and listen helps them build positive relationships and provides them with tools to succeed.

We want our children to be knowledgeable and independent in expressing their views and we also want them to recognise the importance of listening to others who have different views or opinions

We want our pupils to use language that is appropriate to their audience as a means of increasing confidence, encouraging, and supporting each other through both verbal and non-verbal communication. We want them to be able to use language to argue, reason and explain their thinking.

At Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School we recognise that digital communication is an integral part of our pupils' lives. As such, we have identified developing excellent communication skills as a priority for equipping our pupils for their daily challenges and for the future.

Culture

Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School predominantly represents a white British demographic, with limited exposure to, and little personal experience of other groups, therefore we want to teach our pupils to fully appreciate and embrace cultural diversity. By learning about and experiencing a range of different cultural and faith heritages, our aim is for our pupils to have a better understanding of society from which they can form their own ideas and opinions. We want them to break down barriers and challenge stereotypes, teaching them to value and learn from differences. We want them to appreciate that they are part of a wider and diverse community beyond their immediate vicinity. To understand the roots and importance of cultural heritage and to behave in a respectful and tolerant way towards others, regardless of faith, gender, ethnicity, or background is paramount. As a 'family' school we actively and explicitly promote cross-cultural friendship, respect, tolerance and understanding through our 'Learning Means the World' Curriculum.

Conflict

In general, we are very proud of our pupil's behaviour at Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School. However, we are aware that living and learning together in a small community highlights the need for children to have a real awareness of the impact of their actions upon others both in and out of school. We recognise some children are stronger willed than others and it is our aim to provide opportunities for children to learn how to handle conflict and to teach a range of skills throughout the curriculum that will help build up resilience. Helping pupils independently and constructively cope in a range of difficult situations is part of this process. Having a developed understanding of sources of conflict and the importance of seeing things from others' points of view, we believe, will make a difference to their own choices as they learn more about conflict resolution. We also recognise the importance for our pupils to have a greater understanding of the world beyond their home environment. To learn about global conflict and its impact upon society to broaden their understanding and perspective.

This understanding of responsible, respectful behaviour is an important aspect of learning at Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School.

Conservation

As a school and as part of our village we already recognise and support a range of causes and activities to raise conservation awareness. We are proud of our beehive, orchard and raised vegetable beds. At Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School it is our aim to take this a step further with our pupils. We will do this through a curriculum which requires active investment from our pupils, not just a knowledge of it. Through our curriculum, we aim to provide opportunities for pupils to develop a deeper understanding and to recognise the impact this issue will have on them and future generations if ignored. We believe it is essential to teach our pupils about sustainability as part of becoming a responsible citizen. We are fortunate to be in a rural location and it is our intention to fully utilise this to bring pupils' learning to life, developing a compassionate and caring attitude towards the natural world. Our curriculum "Learning Means the World" has been designed to develop

age-appropriate awareness and appreciation of our world on local, national and global levels. We are excited for our children at Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School to become stewards of the future through action, collaboration, creativity and problem solving.

Our curriculum Theme Cycles begin with **Communication**, as this underpins all learning and links to the other three focus areas. We have followed this with **Culture**, because we believe that it is important for our pupils to understand their identity in a wider context. Our next theme, **Conflict** has a focus on the past as well as resolutions in the present, specifically learning from mistakes. Finally, **Conservation** which helps our pupils appreciate our environment now, take responsibility for the future in the aim for a better, sustainable world.

Our pupils at Broadbottom CE (VC) Primary School are also encouraged to have high aspirations through additional Competency Units about famous figures that focus on Creativity, Commitment, Courage and Community. Through these units they learn about inspirational human creativity and achievement.

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