

# <u>KS2</u>

Here at Denewood Academy, we provide a broad and balanced curriculum based around the Cornerstones Curriculum, a nationally recognised approach for delivering outstanding learning opportunities for children. Our Curriculum is a creative and thematic approach to learning that is mapped to the 2014 primary national curriculum to ensure comprehensive coverage of national expectations. We believe children learn better when they are encouraged to use their imagination and apply their learning to engaging contexts. Our curriculum provides many learning challenges throughout the academic year that require children to solve problems, apply themselves creatively and express their knowledge and understanding effectively.

## **ENGLISH CURRICULUM INTENT**

For English, our pupils at Denewood Academy learn and practise the skills required for strong reading and writing abilities. This is done by using a variety of instructional strategies that are tailored to the individual needs of our pupils. While encouraging pupils' enjoyment of reading, we work to improve their reading fluency and comprehension by offering a range of books. Pupils' writing abilities are enhanced by gradually advancing their vocabulary and grammar knowledge. Pupils at Denewood produce their own written work; our pupils learn to think independently. They receive guidance as they develop their reading and writing skills to help them become more resilient and determined. Pupils



collaborate to discuss and emphasise literature while exchanging ideas and viewpoints. Pupils are encouraged to have an interest in the world around them when reading aloud to one another. With this objective, we hope to help our pupils acquire reading and writing abilities that will last a lifetime.

#### SCIENCE CURRICULUM INTENT



Through organised and meaningful experiences, our pupils gradually increase their knowledge, abilities, and vocabulary in science. They grow in their capacity for independent thought and ask probing questions regarding the information and skills that come with scientific study. When planning and carrying out scientific investigations of discovery, our pupils' curiosity is encouraged while their confidence and competence in all areas of practical abilities are promoted. Pupils show their commitment to gaining scientific vocabulary, comprehension, and knowledge by solving complex issues, presenting scientific results, and providing written and oral explanations. Our science curriculum is adapted to support a variety of learning styles and to be accessible to all pupils.

With this goal in mind, we hope to ignite in our pupils a passion for science that will last a lifetime and be applied to past, present, and emerging technology.

## MATHS CURRICULUM INTENT

At Denewood Academy, pupils flourish in maths to develop a solid, long-lasting, secure, and flexible understanding of the subject. Our pupils' knowledge, abilities, and vocabulary gradually advance through controlled and meaningful encounters according to pupils' individual needs. Through varied and consistent practise, pupils master the principles of written and mental calculations and procedures.



Pupils seek to have "facts at their fingertips" and become proficient in understanding and memory of numerical information. When presented with problems, our pupils learn to think independently, which helps them become resilient and determined. They are urged to recognise the importance of growing from failures and setbacks. Pupils are taught to reason, generalise, understand solutions, and get an understanding of mathematical patterns. It fosters and encourages pupils' curiosity to pursue paths of inquiry.

Pupils make links between maths, other subjects, and the outside world as they solve issues in various contexts with increasing sophistication. With this goal in mind, we hope to inspire in our pupils a passion for and a lifelong dedication to this intriguing and enjoyable subject.

## **MUSIC CURRICULUM INTENT**

Denewood Academies works with the Nottingham Music Hub to support our pupils' vision to provide **world-class music education for all children and young people at Denewood.** Nottingham Music Hub will continue to offer guidance to develop and implement school music development and progression plans, as outlined in the National Plan. Nottingham Music Hub will continue to support pupils at Denewood to provide and engage with inspirational music-making opportunities throughout the year. With this intention the pupils will be ready to explore a future with music.



## ART CURRICULUM INTENT



Through controlled and meaningful experiences, our pupils' knowledge, abilities, and vocabulary in the subject of art gradually grow. Our art curriculum gives pupils the chance to learn about and develop an understanding of a variety of artists, crafters, and designers. Pupils' curiosity and sense of discovery are encouraged as they choose and employ materials, methods, and techniques, realising objectives and taking advantage of the unexpected.

Our pupils gain increasing confidence in their abilities to draw through observation, memory, and imagination. We offer visits

to educational sights to encourage pupils to explore their creativity.

By applying their knowledge and expertise to enlighten, inspire, and interpret ideas and by studying both the creative process and skills of great artists and artisans throughout history, they are motivated to be resilient, think like practitioners, and behave like practitioners.

#### **TOPIC CURRICULUM INTENT**

Topic incorporates history, geography and religious education. In History our pupils gradually increase their familiarity with historical figures, events, skills, and capacity for historical analysis,

through imaginative and active participation in the discovery of new knowledge, which increases pupils' feelings of curiosity about the past and their comprehension of how and why people interpret the past differently. They are continually encouraged to use memorised facts and reliable historical evidence to support, assess, and challenge their own and other people's viewpoints.

In Geography, pupils also learn about places' locations and characteristics as they go through. They learn how locations are interdependent and connected and how closely physical and human environments are related. Our pupils acquire and build upon a broad geographical knowledge and terminology base through unforgettable experiences/visits and educational activities.



Religious Education at Denewood Academy includes all facets of school life and our community involvement. Pupils are urged to draw inspiration from all religions and set an example for others by living out their views and beliefs. Through organised and memorable experiences, our pupils artistically and progressively expand their religious knowledge as well as respect the religious beliefs of others ready to embrace modern Britain.