

We have identified the following development areas, many linked to local and national priorities:

Assessments

There are some important changes to assessment this year.

- We carried out the new National Baseline Assessment for Foundation Stage children. Every school will be required to use this from Sept 2016.
- We are preparing for new End of Key Stage 1 assessments linked to the new curriculum. This will include new tests for Yr2 children in reading, arithmetic, maths reasoning, grammar, spelling and punctuation. A parent information session will be held in the Spring term.



Teaching for Mastery in maths

The new National Curriculum introduced from September 2014 significantly raised the expectations for all year groups. To enable all our children to develop as confident mathematicians we have changed the way we plan and organise our maths teaching.



We are developing maths teaching by:

- Funding 4 after school training sessions for all staff with a maths consultant
- Training throughout the year for Mrs Tindall as maths subject leader, who feeds back to us all
- Holding staff meetings for teachers to share planning, assessments and to compare samples of children's work.

School to School Collaboration

We are working to extend the partnerships we already have with local schools to include:

- Joint training days and staff meetings with St Michael's each term
- Working with teachers from nearby schools to look at work samples, compare our teaching and assessments every term in all year groups.
- Establishing a new group of 5 schools who work very closely on shared projects, visit regularly to learn from each other and improve learning for children in all our schools.



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Closing Learning Gaps

We track the progress of groups of pupils carefully to ensure that none is at risk of underachieving or falling behind.

We are doing this by

- Continuing to hold meetings every half term to look in detail at the progress and next steps for every child in the school. Planning for even better catch up!
- Using evidence based interventions to ensure that children who start school behind, or fall behind in their learning are able to catch up quickly.
- Offering breakfast club and some holiday activities to ensure children are ready for new learning.



Learning Stars- take pride in your work!

- Our 5 Learning Stars have made a huge difference, helping children to build the skills and attitudes to become and continue to be successful learners, now and in their future lives.
- We have launched a new 6th Learning Star to encourage children to do their very best, taking pride in the way that they approach, present, finish and edit their work in all subjects to make it the best that it can be.

Your child may already have a Simon Spider tag- look out for the Simon Spider display in the hall and in your child's books!



Strengthen homework and family learning

Offer more opportunities for children in all year groups to continue and extend their learning at home, both in books and online.

We are improving home learning by:

- Setting maths homework for all year groups
- Providing spelling homework for Yr1 and Yr2 children every week, and for FS children as they complete their sight word targets.
- Subscribing to Purple Mash, an online software provider, as well as Bug Club, Espresso, Abacus maths and DB Primary.
- Re-launching Story Explorer bags with many new, interactive tasks for FS children

