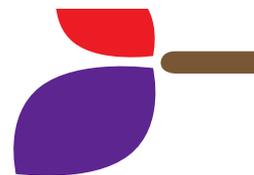


# The Curriculum



"I really love the challenging maths and the exciting science"  
Connie, age 8



Lanesend Primary believes that all children should have access to the whole curriculum including the National Curriculum and The Revised Early Years Foundation Stage. We believe that the personal, social, emotional, spiritual and moral development of the child should be given high priority and is viewed as an integral part of the whole curriculum experience. Extensive use is made of technology to support children's learning and access to the curriculum. All classrooms have smart TVs, Apple TVs, Ipads and internet access.

Other areas of the curriculum are taught through subject-focused topics. Subjects such as music, art/design technology, drama and physical education are included in the timetable and usually taught by the class teacher, although the school does use some specialist teachers at different times. Children are engaged in a learning programme that provides each child with opportunities to develop the skills they will need in everyday situations as well as a range of school based learning opportunities.

It is recognised that there is a small group of 'remarkable pupils' within our school community. To nurture the needs of these children we link them into appropriate activities at local schools or activities organised by the school and in partnership with other schools.

There are 19 teachers and 24 Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) undertaking a variety of roles. To support the delivery of the curriculum each class has a teacher and a support team.

## **Artsmark:**

We have been awarded the 'Artsmark – Gold' award for our commitment to quality arts education. Artsmark is the Arts Council England's flagship programme to enable schools and other organisations to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision. Developing and celebrating arts provision is hugely important for children and young people's education. Achieving Artsmark status demonstrates that our school has a number of very special qualities, including:

- We are committed to an arts and cultural provision for all our children.
- We are forward thinking and open to development.
- We are committed to investing in our staff and children, nurturing talent and building sustainable relationships with arts and cultural organisations.

We have had some of our children's work displayed in the National Gallery as part of the 'Take One Picture' exhibition. Wow!

**Outside Learning Award:** We have been developing our approach to outdoor learning across the school and as a result of our continued improvements to both learning opportunities and our outdoor provision, we have been awarded the Gold Wild Challenge Award by the RSPB.

**Gender Neutral:** We featured in a BBC programme to ensure quality of choice for boys and girls. At Lanesend Primary School we want all children regardless of gender to be treated the same and given the same opportunities. We believe that by giving girls and boys the same opportunities and messages we can inspire our children to become the next female scientist or male ballet dancer.

**Sport:** In July we retained the Silver Sports Mark Award and are now working towards gaining gold. We won the Challenge and Adventure Award for participation and sponsorship. We participate in many inter school competitions including football, rugby, netball, triathlon, cross country and athletics. Since starting the Golden Mile (running 12 minutes every day in school) we have been placed in the top three for cross country and triathlon events.

**Active Travel:** Through our close association with Sustrans, we promote 'active travel' to and from school. This includes walking, scootering and cycling. Through this scheme we are also able to access Bikeability, Scooter Safety, Balance-ability and inter-school triathlons.

## **Food for Life:**

We are currently working towards the bronze Food for Life Award. The programme is about making good food the easy choice for everyone – making healthy, tasty and sustainable meals the norm for all to enjoy, reconnecting people with where their food comes from, teaching them how it's grown and cooked, and championing the importance of well-sourced ingredients.