



Curriculum Newsletter

This Autumn 2019 Curriculum Newsletter will give you important reminders and information about Featherstone Primary School's Curriculum.

Values

Featherstone Primary School is a Values-based school because we believe that academic success is not enough. With Values, children will be able to grow into confident, self-assured young people who can face the challenges of modern Britain. So, we introduced our eleven Core Values in September 2017 and continue to build on them today. The Values can sometimes be tricky for children to uphold as they are experiencing new things all of the time; so, we really need your help in demonstrating and promoting them in order for children to see them in school and at home. The next few months' Values are: **Respect** (September), **Diversity** (October), **Friendliness** (November) and **Honesty** (December).

Our 11 Values are:

September	Respect
October	Diversity
November	Friendliness
December	Honesty
January	Self-discipline
February	Trust
March	Co-operation
April	Patience
May	Self-belief
June	Courtesy
July	Aspiration

Enrichment

Our Enrichment programme is now entering its third year here at Featherstone. Enrichment takes place every Friday afternoon for thirty minutes when children attend a fun-filled group of their own choosing. This term's Enrichment groups include sand art, drumming, yoga, puppetry and theatre, mindfulness colouring and much more! Children accumulate their Enrichment hours over the course of the year in the hope of achieving enough hours for their next award, in July 2020. The current awards are: **Wood** (minimum of 15 hours of Enrichment in one year), **Tin** (minimum of 16 hours of Enrichment in one year) and **Copper** (minimum of 18 hours of Enrichment in one year). As you can see, it gets harder to achieve the next award. If children make poor choices or do not meet the school's expectations, they will miss out on some of their Enrichment time which may hinder them getting their award. Note: Reception children will start their Enrichment Programme in January 2020, after settling in.

Curriculum Visits

At some point this year, your child will visit an area of local interest on the school's minibus, free of charge. This is so that the children will develop more of an understanding of the local area and what there is to enjoy and learn from. More details will be given to you by your child's class teacher at the relevant time.

Topics

All of Featherstone's topics / units are organised into exciting, stimulating and relevant outcomes that get our children enthused about their learning. Subjects like English, History, Art, Geography and Music will be organised in interesting ways. Ask your child what their current 'So What?', 'Big Idea' or 'Language Function' is to see what they're learning!

If you have any questions or you would like to discuss any part of Featherstone's curriculum, then please do come and chat to me! Mr. Douglas (Deputy Headteacher—Interim)