



Curriculum Newsletter: Enrichment

This Spring 2020 Curriculum Newsletter will give you all the information you need about Enrichment, which is part of Featherstone Primary School's Curriculum and Promise.

What is Enrichment?

Our Enrichment programme is a set of promises or guarantees that we ensure happens for the children in every single year group. These are a set of enriching experiences that vary from visits to the library, museum and theatre; in-school visitors; special events from countries around the world and also charity work where children have the opportunity to give something back to their community.

However, the most exciting part of our Enrichment programme is what takes place on a Friday afternoon. Each Friday, for half an hour, children go to an exciting in-school club. This term is our most exciting set of clubs and we have: a whizz-pop-bang scientist, a group of children making blu-tooth speakers from recycled material, sports, some children writing their own book, sand art, drumming, contemporary dance, arts and crafts and many more!

Why do we do Enrichment?

We believe that the National Curriculum gives children a huge amount of opportunities and experiences as well as vital knowledge and understanding. Our Enrichment programme complements and builds on what the National Curriculum does for the children. This is because children choose their Enrichment clubs that they go to, which gives them the freedom to follow their interests and challenge themselves.

As well as that, Enrichment underpins our Behaviour Policy (the zone boards that are in the classrooms). Children start the week with 30 minutes of available Enrichment time and children who do the right thing and meet school expectations get their full half an hour. Unfortunately, where a child makes poor choices in school, they may move down the zone board to yellow (warning), orange (5 mins loss), red (10 mins loss) or grey (15 mins loss). Parents are informed if a child loses 10 mins or more by text.

We find that behaviour in school is very good because children want to go to Enrichment because they have chosen the club that they want to do!

What are the Enrichment Awards?

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 have just started their Enrichment Programme and need 10 hours for their **Wood** award. (More details to follow for EYFS parents).

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.