

## **KS1&2**

At Key Stages 1 and 2 students follow the National Curriculum for England.

The curriculum at St. Vincent's School is balanced and broadly based and also:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and
- prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

The school curriculum comprises all learning and other experiences that school plans for its pupils. The national curriculum forms one part of the school curriculum.

### **Aims:**

The curriculum provides pupils with an introduction to the essential knowledge that they need to be educated citizens. It introduces pupils to the best that has been thought and said; and helps engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.

The curriculum is just one element in the education of every child. There is time and space in the school day and in each week, term and year to range beyond the national curriculum specifications. The national curriculum provides an outline of core knowledge around which teachers can develop exciting and stimulating lessons to promote the development of pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills as part of the wider school curriculum.

Teaching staff plan units of work, using subject specific pedagogy, to support the pupil's knowledge and understanding of the curriculum delivered. Pupils have access to engaging resources, which are combined with teaching styles that enable pupils to learn at a level appropriate to individuals that creates and fosters curiosity and creativity of learning, whilst also providing challenge.

Throughout the Primary curriculum, a thematic topic may be used to support pupil's learning, with lessons being delivered discreetly. However, staff plan for and deliver cross-curricular links across individual subjects where possible to enhance learning across subjects and throughout the topics.

Throughout the Primary curriculum:

English and Mathematics are taught daily

Pupils follow a systematic synthetic phonics programme, delivered across the school week

Specialist subjects' teachers deliver weekly lessons in Music, ICT, Cooking and Nutrition, Physical Education, Swimming, and Languages.