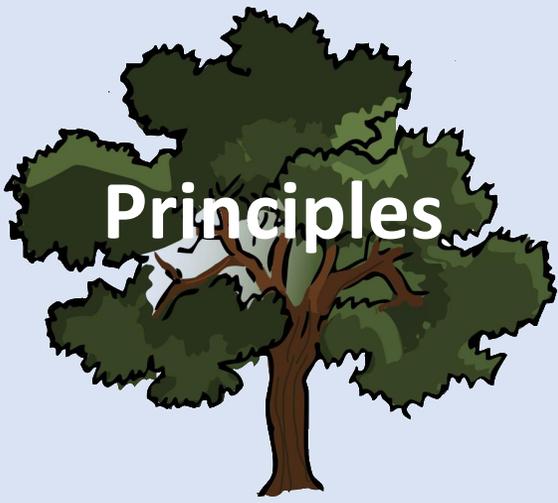


**The principles
and purpose
of the curriculum
at Shalford Infant
& Nursery School**



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Principles

Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- Experience the challenge and enjoyment of learning;
- Develop and demonstrate their creativity in a variety of ways;
- Develop new skills through a variety of interesting contexts.

At Shalford, we ensure that teachers explore the breadth and depth of the national curriculum by enabling pupils to discover, develop and demonstrate their creativity in different contexts both inside and outside the classroom.

Children will be encouraged to develop a rich and deep subject knowledge, which is enjoyable as well as challenging, as we work towards promoting our ethos of *enjoying learning together*. Children are enabled to make connections in their learning as they progress through the levels of national curriculum and through the school life. We provide them with skills that they will use beyond infant school and encourage them to become life long learners.



Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- Develop self-esteem and confidence in their own abilities whilst recognizing that people are good at different things,
- Learn how to respect themselves and others,
- Learn in a peaceful and supportive environment.

Shalford is a Values Led Learning School, our values run through the school like a golden thread. Our extra-curricular clubs allow children to follow their own interests and to take ownership of their own development. Children are continuously provided with opportunities to work in a range of different groups to build respectful relationships. As a small school, we offer: themed weeks which include mix up days; Playground Pals, a buddy system, PTA events; operate a School Council; established an Eco-Team committee; family service, a playtime club, as well as a Librarian team.



Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- Make a positive contribution to the school and local community,
- Make choices about things that are important to them,
- Express their opinions on a range of different topics and issues.

At Shalford, we have a range of democratic, child-led committees who are actively involved in the development and improvement of the school. **School Council** often focus on the 'bigger picture' and promoting worldwide issues that can occur outside of our school and Shalford. They will regularly host 'events days' to increase awareness of real issues. Closer to home, they also enjoy supporting the PTA and will organise fundraising opportunities to help improve our school. The **Eco- Team** were founded in 2018 and quickly obtained the Eco-Schools 'Bronze Award' and 'Silver Award'. They have since targeted areas for improvement and have been relentlessly striving for a greener school. The Green Flag was awarded in July 2019.



Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- Excite, promote and sustain children's interest;
- Promotes problem solving, creativity and communication;
- Offers all children a memorable experience for every topic.

At Shalford, we teach the curriculum through half termly cross curricular topics. Each of the topics provides teachers and pupils with a 'memorable experience' to entice and engage them in their new learning. At the start of a new subject, children are allowed to take ownership of their learning by considering what they already know and would like to find out. They are then given time at the end of unit to reflect on and evaluate their learning.



Our curriculum will give children the opportunity to:

- Provide quality resources to support on and off-site subject or topic-related activities,
- Offer regular opportunities for children to learn outdoors,
- Hold specialist curriculum days or weeks
- Welcome parents and carers to take part in children's learning experiences

At Shalford, enrichment is our priority. As part of our **Entitlement and Enrichment**, we offer our children a minimum of one topic-related activity per unit through an offsite trip, specialist workshop or a themed day.

Forest School provide children with opportunities to learn through nature. As part of the local community, we visit St Mary's church regularly for key events linked to the Christian calendar.

The school has developed partnerships with external providers that extend children's opportunities for learning: Eco-Schools, Bramley and Guildford Library, Shalford Tennis Club, North Guilford Food Bank, Ashley House, Shooting Star Chase, Read 2 Dogs, Cobwebs and Athena Schools Trust.