



## Burtonwood Community Primary School

### Curriculum Statement



Children at Burtonwood Community Primary must enjoy a high quality broad and balanced curriculum, which gives them every opportunity to use their skills and discover their talents. An exciting and creative curriculum is essential to making learning enjoyable and relevant for the children. The curriculum at Burtonwood not only reflects the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum but also the local, national and global context in which the school stands. Detailed medium-term planning ensures progression and high quality teaching throughout the Key Stages in all subjects. At the school's last inspection, Ofsted stated that, "School leaders place great emphasis on developing the whole child and on promoting a love of learning....Pupils love coming to school and are highly motivated by the activities in which they engage." There is a strong emphasis on cross-curricular teaching so that the key skills in reading, writing and maths are consolidated throughout the curriculum.

To improve the quality of the curriculum, the school brings in specialist teachers. An artist is in school every Friday to deliver sessions for all classes from Year 1 to Year 6 over each term. Weekly thirty minute French lessons are taught in every class on Mondays by a specialist teacher. There is a programme of music in Key Stage Two with whole class keyboards in Year 3, Samba drumming in Year 4, curriculum singing in Year 5 and Gospel singing in Year 6. In PE all dance sessions are delivered by a specialist teacher. Specialist teaching in French, P.E., music and art has raised standards and enhanced children's enjoyment with their learning.

At Burtonwood outdoor education has been enhanced by the development of Willow Wood, an outdoor classroom funded by a lottery grant. Currently we run weekly forest school sessions at Burtonwood for Reception and Year 1, as well as themed days for other classes. As well as many day trips throughout the year to places such as Llandudno, The Lowry, Safety Central, Fiddlers Ferry and Delamere Forest. Burtonwood Primary runs a strong residential programme with visits starting in Year 2. The trips are to Beeston (Y2), Glaramara (Y3), Robinwood (Y4) and York (Y6).