

Fellowship Courage Creativity



Our School Curriculum

Whitewater C of E Primary School

Our vision

Developing values and skills of the Christian Faith
Including everyone
Nurturing everyone's talents
Life-long learning

At Whitewater C of E Primary School, we use the analogy of the tree (featured in our logo) to represent our approach to the curriculum:



The **leaves** represent the variety of rich and broad learning experiences on offer to our pupils.

The **branches** represent the essential knowledge across different curriculum areas.

The **trunk** represents the essential basic skills in reading, writing, communication and mathematics.

The **roots** represent the learning culture and values that underpin everything we do, providing a foundation for life-long learning.

Developing a sense of self

Linked to our value of *courage*, we aim to ensure children develop **self-awareness**: taking responsibility for their own learning, embracing a growth mindset and having high expectations of what they can achieve, enabling them to become life-long learners. We encourage children to be reflective about their learning, behaviour beliefs and values, and to develop a sense of personal responsibility alongside the motivation and aspiration to learn and improve.

Opportunities for creativity and imagination

Linked to our value of *creativity*, we aim to deliver a curriculum rich in **creative** opportunities, and that encourages children to be **imaginative**. Across foundation and core subjects, children are encouraged to make connections between ideas, utilise wider skills, and value alternative and creative thinking.

Community and Communication

Linked to our value of *fellowship*, we aim for children to value being a member of a community, within the school and wider world. Throughout the curriculum children learn to show **respect**, **listen to**, **communicate** with, have **fun** with and **learn** from one another. There are regular opportunities for children to play and learn with children in other year groups, developing friendships and a sense of belonging. Through a nurturing and supportive whole-school ethos, with opportunities to contribute to all aspects of school life, we hope that children will develop a sense of confidence which they will take forward with them in life.

Active Learners

Finally, through our curriculum, we ensure children enjoy **practical, hands-on experiences** that:

- Take advantage of our rural setting and develop love and respect for the **natural world**
- Encourage a sense of **curiosity**
- Enable children to be **active, healthy** and **happy**.