

CURRICULUM OFFER

Subject	Primary
Intent	<p>The primary department aims to provide a caring, safe, welcoming environment within which pupils can learn and develop to their full potential to the best of their abilities. We aim to promote a positive attitude towards learning, so that children enjoy coming to school and acquire a solid basis for lifelong learning.</p> <p>Our lessons are based on the National Curriculum, which aims to provide opportunities for all pupils to learn and achieve, to promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and prepare all pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.</p> <p>We actively promote fundamental British values and our PSHE curriculum underpins all areas of learning. We use a broad range of teaching strategies that take into account the ways in which children learn in order to foster engagement, motivation and creativity.</p> <p>We recognise that pupils attending Children's Support Service (CSS) have had difficulties accessing the full curriculum in their mainstream school therefore at CSS classes are small and teaching is tailored to pupil's individual needs.</p> <p>Pupils are allocated to the most suitable class for their learning and social, emotional and mental health needs to ensure maximum input and support.</p>
Implementation	<p>Pupil's timetables at CSS vary depending on their level of need. Pupils who attend on a more restricted timetable will focus on English, Maths and Science. Pupils who attend for a longer period will have the opportunity to access the full curriculum offered with the opportunity for enrichment activities.</p> <p>English At CSS, we recognise the importance of reading, writing and communication skills and we ensure these are embedded across all areas of the curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to read on a daily basis. Reading skills are reinforced through a phonics led reading skills development software programme called Lexia. Writing activities are chosen with the aim to create meaningful reasons, motivations and audiences for writing based on a shared book or current events for example. Written work is carefully scaffolded to meet the individual learning needs. Lessons are planned to have areas of active learning and pupils are encouraged to think creatively and independently.</p> <p>Maths Pupils at CSS study aspects of Number, Data Handling, Shape, Space and measure, alongside Using and Applying. There is an emphasis on learning the times tables and</p>

opportunity is given to this regularly. Pupils receive daily maths lessons, these lessons are made engaging and practical whenever possible consisting of games, puzzles and challenging as well as written tasks. Activities are differentiated to meet the needs of the pupil.

Science

Pupils at CSS take part in science lessons on a weekly basis, the lessons aim to develop a positive attitude and enquiring mind. Lessons are a balance of content and practical investigations to develop pupils thinking and reasoning skills.

Computing

At CSS technology is very much integrated into everyday learning and practise, pupils have access to computers, laptops and iPads to support their learning. Pupils are taught to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. Opportunities are provided for pupils to access the components of ICT in the National Curriculum

PSHE

PSHE lessons take place weekly; the structure is based upon the scheme of work toolkit provided by the PSHE association. Lessons are designed to be practical and discussion based. Safeguarding pupils is at the heart of what we do and every opportunity is given to ensure pupils are aware of how to keep themselves safe in the real world and online.

Foundation subjects

History and Geography topics are selected on a rolling two-year programme and are taught on a weekly basis.

RE and Art and design are taught in a cross curricula way incorporating global events and festivals taking place. Pupils are able to develop their skills and understanding and are encouraged to produce creative work exploring their own ideas.

Modern foreign language are taught in a short session on a weekly basis.

Physical Education

Pupils are given the opportunity to attend swimming lessons and gymnastics sessions. Participation is dependent on pupil's timetables and behaviour in a group off site. PE lessons aim to develop agility, balance and coordination individually and with others.

Due to the physical restrictions of our site, we are not able to offer PE to all pupils, therefore the sports premium funding has been used to give pupils the opportunities to join clubs or have private sports lessons outside of their time in school.

Homework

	<p>Although homework is not, compulsory it is always available and pupils are encouraged to take it home in order to develop their independent study skills and to help them make faster progress in their learning. Pupils are rewarded for their homework.</p>
<p>Impact</p>	<p>At Primary CSS, we aim to give pupils the skills and confidence to be able to return to mainstream school or move on to an appropriate special school placement. Pupils are supported to make the right choices so that when they return to school they have the necessary skills to overcome challenges.</p> <p>Support from CSS is given at the point of transition; we help prepare pupils for the upcoming changes by accompanying them on visits and sitting in lessons with them until they are confident and settled. The transition period will vary depending on the school and the pupil. We work closely with the school and parents to offer a suitable package for the individual pupil. We offer schools the opportunity to visit pupils at CSS and see first-hand the successful strategies in place.</p> <p>CSS work with the local authority to identify the next steps for all pupils.</p>
<p>Accreditations</p>	<p>Assessment</p> <p>Children's progress is assessed formally three times a year. This data is analysed and recorded on target tracker. Pupils who are not making the expected progress are identified and an academic action plan is made to ensure the pupil is getting the right support in class.</p> <p>Reports are written termly for parents and parents have the opportunity to come and speak to the class teachers at the beginning of each term.</p> <p>Pupils in year 6 will have the opportunity to sit their SATs tests in the first half of the summer term. We ensure they have had opportunities to prepare for these by offering additional revision sessions and homework.</p>
<p>Enrichment opportunities</p>	<p>In Primary CSS we have an additional member of staff to support pupils. Bentley is a two-year-old Jack Russell who is available for walks and makes an excellent companion to our students when in crisis.</p> <p>Pupils have the opportunity to attend a variety of offsite provisions providing they complete their work and their behaviour is suitable to be taken off site. These have consisted of rock climbing, fishing, gymnastics, cycling, swimming, cinema and theatre trips, overnight trip to Mersea adventure outdoors, boxing, a trip to the zoo and football matches.</p>