



Early Years

Intent, Implementation and Impact September

Intent

At St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, Walbottle, our Early Years curriculum is rooted in our Catholic faith, valuing each child as unique and created in the image of God. We aim to provide a language-rich, nurturing and inclusive curriculum that enables all children to flourish and develop a love of learning.

Our intent is to ensure that children:

- Develop strong communication and language skills as the foundation for all learning
- Are curious, confident learners who enjoy exploring and asking questions
- Feel safe, valued and supported to develop socially, emotionally and spiritually
- Build the knowledge, skills and learning behaviours needed for a successful transition into Key Stage 1

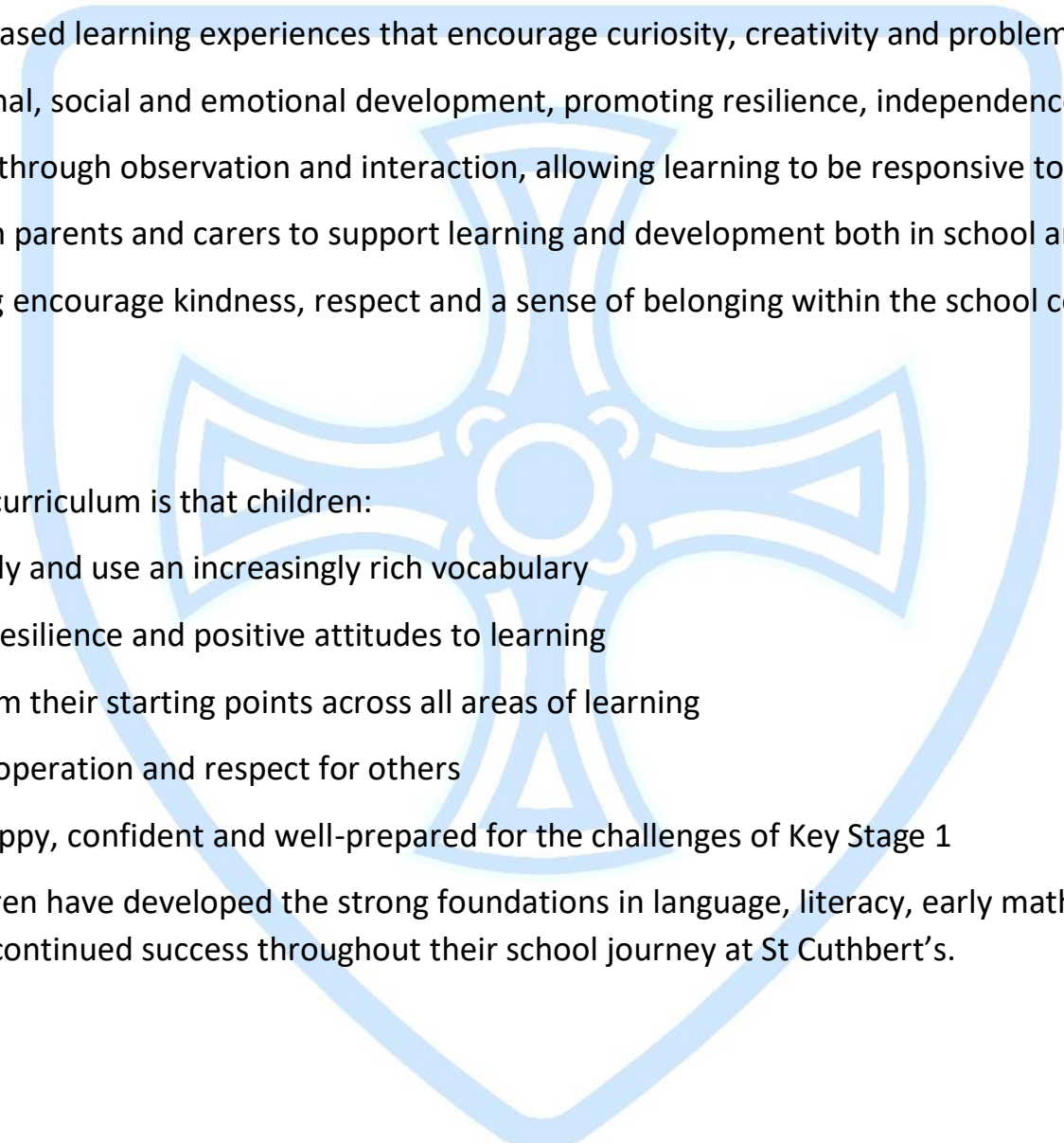
Our curriculum is designed to reflect the needs and interests of our children while providing a secure foundation for future learning, ensuring equality of opportunity and high aspirations for all.

Implementation

Our Early Years curriculum is delivered through a balance of adult-led learning and high-quality continuous provision, underpinned by the EYFS statutory framework.

Key features of our implementation include:

- A language-rich environment, with high-quality adult-child interactions that model and extend vocabulary, sentence structure and communication skills

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- Daily exposure to stories, rhymes, songs and purposeful talk, supporting early literacy development
 - Carefully planned play-based learning experiences that encourage curiosity, creativity and problem-solving
 - A strong focus on personal, social and emotional development, promoting resilience, independence and positive relationships
 - Continuous assessment through observation and interaction, allowing learning to be responsive to children's next steps
 - Strong partnerships with parents and carers to support learning and development both in school and at home

Our daily routines and learning encourage kindness, respect and a sense of belonging within the school community.

Impact

The impact of our Early Years curriculum is that children:

- Communicate confidently and use an increasingly rich vocabulary
- Demonstrate curiosity, resilience and positive attitudes to learning
- Make good progress from their starting points across all areas of learning
- Show independence, cooperation and respect for others
- Leave the Early Years happy, confident and well-prepared for the challenges of Key Stage 1

By the end of Reception, children have developed the strong foundations in language, literacy, early mathematics and learning behaviours needed to ensure continued success throughout their school journey at St Cuthbert's.