

Birdwell Primary School

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & ENRICHMENT OFFER

EXPERIENCES THAT INSPIRE, OPPORTUNITIES THAT LAST

Our enrichment offer helps every child grow in confidence, character and ambition.

- LIFETIME EXPERIENCES
- CURRICULUM FOCUS
- PEOPLE & PLACES OF WORSHIP
- SPORT & ARTS PERFORMANCE
- COMMUNITY LINKS

Building skills for life.
Broadening horizons.
Inspiring bright beginnings.



NURTURING CONFIDENCE



BROADENING HORIZONS



INSPIRING FUTURES



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



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Our Enrichment Journey Across Primary School

At Birdwell Primary School, enrichment is at the heart of our curriculum. These five key areas of experience provide our pupils with unforgettable opportunities, broadening their horizons and inspiring their aspirations.

Explore the pages ahead to see how these experiences grow and develop from Reception to Year 6.



Lifetime Experiences

Building essential life skills and memorable moments that stay with children forever.



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Curriculum Focus

Curriculum-linked visits and workshops that enrich learning and bring it to life.



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People and Places of Worship

Visits that build understanding and respect for different faiths, cultures and communities.



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Sport & Arts Performance

Opportunities to perform, compete and create, building confidence, teamwork and expression.



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Community Links

Connecting with our local community and beyond to make a positive difference together.



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MEETING THE DfE ENRICHMENT BENCHMARKS

Through a Context-Driven Entitlement for Every Child

At Birdwell Primary School, personal development is not an additional offer or occasional enhancement. Our Bright Beginnings enrichment programme is a progressive entitlement for every pupil, aligned with the DfE expectation of access across five key categories.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE FIVE DfE ENRICHMENT CATEGORIES

Our enrichment offer provides rich, progressive experiences that develop knowledge, skills, character and cultural capital.

OUR FIVE HEADLINE STRANDS

These five strands translate the DfE enrichment categories into a meaningful entitlement for every child.



1. LIFETIME EXPERIENCES

Building confidence, independence and readiness for life beyond school.



2. CURRICULUM FOCUS

Strengthening knowledge, vocabulary and understanding across subjects.



3. PEOPLE AND PLACES OF WORSHIP

Developing respect, tolerance and awareness of diverse beliefs and communities.



4. SPORTS AND ARTS PERFORMANCE

Experiencing live sport, performance and creative expression.



5. COMMUNITY LINKS

Building belonging, empathy, service and contribution to our community.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Building belonging, responsibility and active citizenship through community participation, service and contribution.



Community helpers (Rec)



Litter picking & school garden (Year 1)



Library & community garden (Year 2)



Earth Day, Worsbrough Reservoir & National Trust (Year 3)



Harvest Festival & food bank collections (Year 4)



Performing for a care home (Year 5)



Community bag packing & Enterprise Day (Year 6)

From awareness to care, stewardship, service and contribution – a journey towards active citizenship.



Our People and Places of Worship strand supports civic understanding through visits to churches, a cathedral, mosque, mandir, gurdwara, Jewish and Buddhist settings.



ARTS AND CULTURE

Inspiring creativity and cultural awareness through live music, theatre, galleries, museums and performance.



Live music (Concertneeries & whole-school provision)



Theatre in KS2 & whole-school pantomime



Galleries & museums – Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Cooper Gallery, printmaking, York Chocolate Story, London museums & more

Connecting culture to curriculum to build knowledge, vocabulary, interpretation, aspiration and a wider cultural capital.



Our Year 5 London visit opens doors to national institutions, museums and live performance, inspiring confidence and participation in the wider cultural life of the country.



NATURE, OUTDOORS AND ADVENTURE

Developing environmental awareness, enquiry skills and resilience through nature, outdoor learning and adventure.



Picnic at Elsecar (Rec)



Farm visit (Year 1)



Seaside visit (Year 2)



Earth Day



Worsbrough Reservoir



River study & geocaching



School & community gardening Stargazing



Outdoor adventure (Year 6)

From outdoor exploration to adventure and stewardship – building independence, resilience and care for our world.



Activities like litter picking, Earth Day, community gardening and National Trust work help pupils understand that caring for the environment is part of active stewardship.



SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Promoting physical confidence and teamwork through participation in activity and experiencing live sport.



Balance bike sessions



Bikeability



Outdoor adventure



Live sport experiences – women's football, ice hockey, Yorkshire cricket



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Experiencing sport as participants, spectators and team members – developing discipline, appreciation and aspiration.



Broadening understanding of role models and challenging assumptions about who participates and excels in sport.



WIDER LIFE AND FUTURE SKILLS

Building readiness for life beyond school through real-life experiences and future-focused learning.



Enterprise activity (Year 2)



Restaurant meal (Year 3)



Bikeability & London visit (Year 5)



Crucial Crew



Life Skills Week & Careers Week



Enterprise Day



Outdoor adventure (Year 6)



Celebration & transition events

Building the 'hidden curriculum' – independence, safety, confidence, communication and aspiration for future possibilities.



Our Curriculum Focus strand also develops future skills through STEM, technology and specialist knowledge – e.g. Magna, science experiences, stargazing and the National Video Game Museum.



Bright Beginnings: Enrichment for Today.
Equity, Confidence and Aspiration for Tomorrow.



Reception

Soft Play/ PlayMania transition

Year 1

Farm visit

Balance bike session

Year 2

Primary Enterprise Project

Seaside visit to Whitby

Year 3

Meal in a restaurant to develop manners and etiquette

Year 4

Primary Enterprise Project

School sleepover/camping

Year 5

Bikeability

London museums and West End trip

Year 6

Crucial Crew life skills

Week-long outdoor adventure at Marrick Priory

Careers Week/workshops and celebration events

WHOLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

Road/Water/ Rail safety

Private cinema screening

This strand is strongest when read as a journey from security and participation to independence, responsibility and readiness for transition.

EARLY YEARS In the early years, children need familiar, highly scaffolded experiences that develop confidence, emotional regulation, language and awareness of the world. DfE early years guidance explicitly stresses that the range of personal experiences children have—such as visits to parks, libraries and museums and contact with people in society—expands their understanding of the world and vocabulary.

KS1 By KS1, Birdwell's offer introduces children to care, movement and simple responsibility: farms, balance bikes and preparing food are memorable, practical experiences that connect directly to physical development, science, healthy living and living in the wider world.

LKS2 By LKS2, the experiences become more social and self-managing: enterprise, restaurant etiquette and sleepover/camping ask pupils to regulate behaviour in public, cooperate, delay gratification and show readiness for more sustained experiences away from home. That is a very sensible developmental step before Bikeability, London and residential provision in UKS2.

UKS2 By UKS2, the strand properly becomes about independence, safety, decision-making and transition. Bikeability and Crucial Crew develop safe participation in public spaces; the residential builds resilience, teamwork and problem-solving; Careers Week helps pupils begin to imagine pathways beyond primary, even though the formal statutory duty on careers guidance applies from Year 7 onward. As a Year 6 transition experience, that is very well judged.

By the end of Year 6, every pupil should have experienced:



a local community visit, a day visit beyond the local area, a city/capital experience, and an overnight/residential experience;



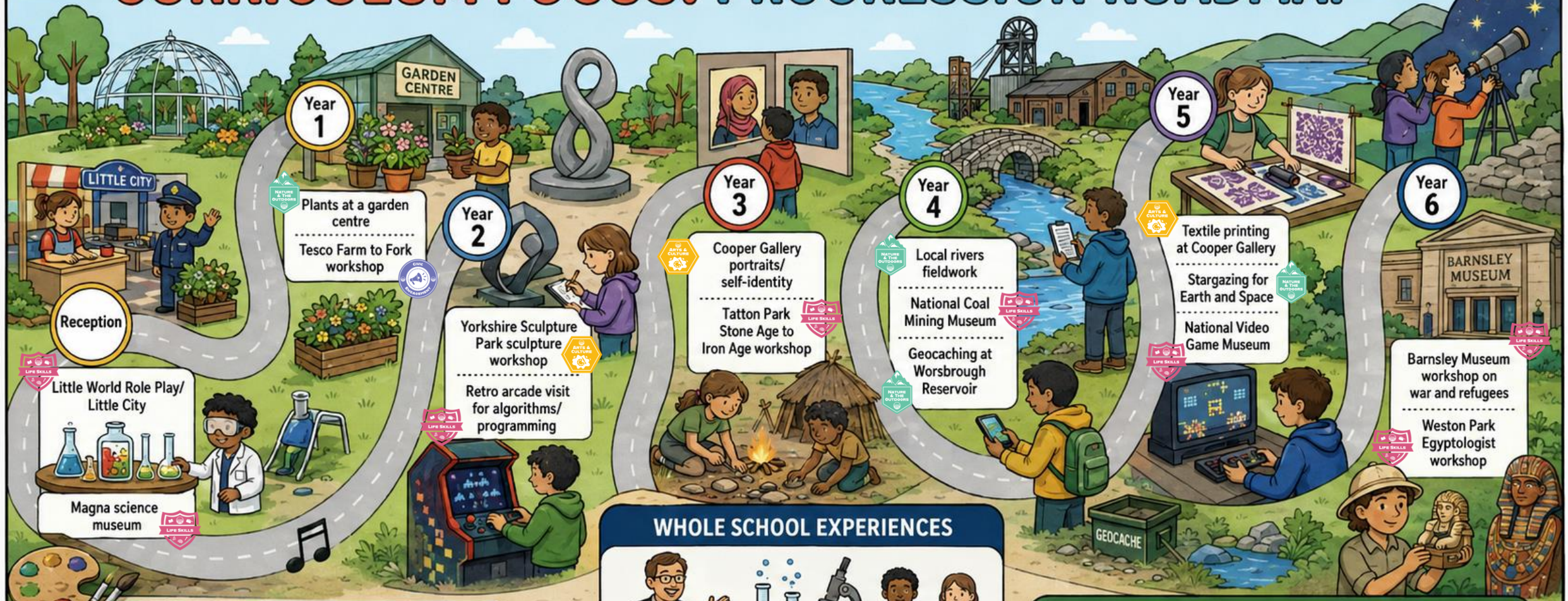
explicit teaching in personal safety, public behaviour, money/enterprise, and transition readiness;



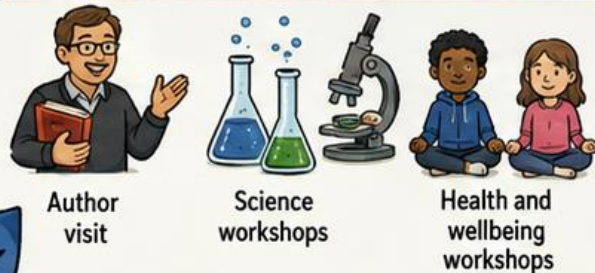
increasing opportunities to demonstrate independence rather than simply attendance.



CURRICULUM FOCUS: PROGRESSION ROADMAP



WHOLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCES



WHY THIS PROGRESSION WORKS

This progression builds from first-hand exploration in Reception to more disciplinary, independent learning in KS2 across history, geography, art/DT and computing. Each experience supports both substantive knowledge and disciplinary skills, developing confident, knowledgeable and creative learners.

RECOMMENDED BENCHMARK STATEMENT FOR THIS STRAND

Each subject-linked experience should show:

- pre-teaching of key vocabulary and concepts
- the disciplinary lens being developed (e.g., fieldwork, historical enquiry, design, performance analysis, programming logic)
- a post-visit outcome that proves learning, not just attendance.

PEOPLE AND PLACES OF WORSHIP: PROGRESSION ROADMAP



WHY THIS PROGRESSION WORKS

Although RE is not a national curriculum subject in the same way as history or geography, maintained schools must teach it at every key stage, and schools also have a duty to promote SMSC and a broad and balanced curriculum. DfE guidance makes clear that activities beyond the classroom, collective worship, and direct work on respect and tolerance contribute to this duty.

The sequence from a local church in Reception to paired study of major world faiths across KS1 and KS2 is educationally sound. Young children begin with a nearby, concrete sacred space and simple vocabulary—church, special, worship, celebration. Older pupils are then ready to compare belief, ritual, symbolism, leadership, community and moral teaching across traditions.

THE TWO-YEAR CYCLE STRUCTURE (Y1-2, Y3-4, Y5-6) IS ALSO SENSIBLE BECAUSE IT ALLOWS:



repetition for retrieval



age-appropriate depth within the same religion pair



manageable logistics for visits and speakers

Most importantly, the strand clearly supports the DfE expectation that schools actively promote mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

RECOMMENDED BENCHMARK STATEMENT FOR THIS STRAND

By the end of Year 6, pupils should be able to:

- ✓ name and describe features of several places of worship they have encountered first-hand;
- ✓ compare how different faith communities express belief through ritual, symbols, texts, service and community life;
- ✓ discuss religious difference with respect, curiosity and accurate vocabulary.

SPORTS & ARTS PERFORMANCE: PROGRESSION ROADMAP



COMMUNITY LINKS: PROGRESSION ROADMAP



WHY THIS PROGRESSION WORKS



This is a particularly strong civic strand because it moves from awareness of community roles to active service and then to leadership and contribution. Reception pupils first learn how a community service works.



KS1 then develops belonging through gardens, libraries and environmental care. By LKS2 and UKS2, pupils are no longer just recipients of community provision; they are contributors to it.



That progression strongly supports SMSC, relationships education and the broad curriculum duty to prepare pupils for later life. DfE guidance on British values also supports experiences that help pupils understand difference, contribute positively and treat others with respect.



The intergenerational thread is especially powerful. It develops empathy, communication and service in a way that is age-appropriate and cumulative: games and reading buddies in lower/middle KS2, then brass performance, then digital support and fundraising leadership in Year 6. That is an excellent example of enrichment becoming agency, not just exposure.

RECOMMENDED BENCHMARK STATEMENT FOR THIS STRAND

By the end of Year 6, every pupil should have:



encountered at least one community institution/service (for example, post office, library, care provision, local environmental partner);



completed at least one act of volunteering or civic contribution each year;



experienced progression from participating in community life to leading within community life.