



## Our Curriculum Intent

At St. Mary's CVA we have designed a creative curriculum with pupils' learning at the centre, ensuring that all pupils make progress. We recognise that a curriculum has to be broad, balanced and offer pupils opportunities to grow as individuals as well as life-long learners. As a Catholic School, the teachings of the Gospels are paramount to everything we do. Pupils are taught to treat each other with respect and to support each other in their learning. We intend to offer our pupils new and exciting experiences that are designed to build resilience, confidence and self-esteem both in the classroom and through extra-curricular activities. We recognise that pupils should be challenged in their school; learning from experiences and celebrating successes. We intend for our curriculum to enable pupils to develop their metacognition, interpersonal skills, creativity and independence. It is our intention that pupils leave St. Mary's with a sense of belonging to their community, where they have the confidence and skills to make decisions, self-evaluate, make connections and become global citizens by making a positive contribution to the New Mills community and to the wider world.

## **Values:**

'Let the light of Jesus shine through in all we think and say and do'.

All children at St. Mary's CVA are expected to be the 'light' and the beacon of our community. Regardless of their personal faith, background, gender or ability, all children live this out by upholding the Gospel values of love, forgiveness, honesty, friendship and respect.

## **Learning:**

The creative curriculum we have designed and implemented is bespoke to our mixed age classes and is steeped with high quality literature to ensure the development of rich vocabulary. We have identified key driver subjects that are fundamental to our school vision, our locality of New Mills and our Catholic ethos. These school drivers are embedded throughout our curriculum. Our pupils are encouraged to be independent learners who are active, engaged and enthusiastic. We foster a nurturing environment where children are not afraid to take risks and ask question about the wider world around them.



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