



South Bank Primary School Curriculum Statement

Cultural Capital	2023/2024	Subject Leader: Sian Bathe
Intent		
<p>At South Bank Primary School, it is our intention that children receive a high-quality curriculum which enhances and broadens experiences and opportunities.</p> <p>Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils. Within the setting, 91% of families are in the top 10% most deprived households nationally and 89% are in the top 5% (IDACI). Research from Education and Employers found that employer engagement in education helps to raise their aspirations, improve academic attainment and increase confidence. Raising the aspirations and expectations of the pupils, encouraging them to think from an early age about what their future may look like and how to achieve this.</p> <p>Our curriculum offers children a range of experiences which engage, enthuse, and enlighten, including the 'World of Work'. We believe that exposure, not only to situations in which the children may not have previous experiences of, is of paramount importance to increase their motivation, sense of agency and achievement in later life.</p>		
Implementation		
<p>All children will have a 'Cultural Capital Passport' which involves a range of cultural experiences to impact the children's understanding of the world around them. As a school, we will adopt a scheme with 'SPARK: Developing Cultural Capital' which has resources and links to businesses around the Tees Valley area- these have clear links to national curriculum objectives and careers. As well as this, KS2 children will participate in a class assembly linked to aspirations and the world of work around them. All curriculum areas will identify the key knowledge and vocabulary children need in each subject area to prepare children to thrive in culturally and ethnically diverse modern Britain.</p> <p>Children will experience a range of visits within the local community to businesses and different careers, giving them regular exposure to the opportunities available to them once finishing schools. Visitors will also be organised for in school, delivering workshops and assemblies about careers around them. These will be mapped out on an 'aspirations map' to show experiences and opportunities throughout school.</p> <p>Children within Year 5 will engage in the 'Power of Women' programme, whose mission is to elevate aspirations and ensure equal access to opportunities for all students, breaking gender stereotypes. Power of Women will deliver a series of engaging activities and workshops, linking children with businesses around the local area. The children will create their own CV and engage in an interview to decide four ambassadors for the programme.</p> <p>All staff will work with external agencies to support their professional development in embedding a cultural capital and aspirations programme within their everyday teaching. They will work with these external agencies to develop their curriculum and offer different opportunities for the children.</p>		
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<p>All children will leave South Bank Primary with a secure understanding of the academic content; with the understanding of how to be socially, morally, spiritually and culturally responsible and aware; how to make positive contributions to the local community and how to endeavor to be the best that they can be. Children will be able to make cognitive links to prior knowledge and build upon this to move from novice to expert learners. We aim for all of our children to leave South Bank Primary respectful, skillful, ambitious and with a thirst for life and</p>		

all it has to offer, including considering the opportunities they have for their future.