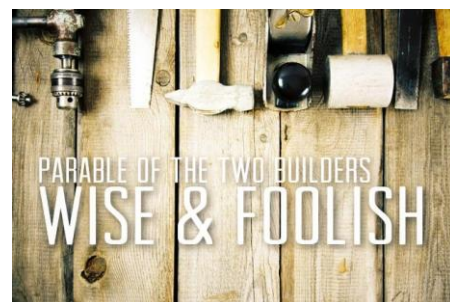


Curriculum – Christian Vision and Core Values

Our curriculum reflects our Christian vision: building strong foundations for a happy and successful life (the parable of the two builders Matthew 7:24-27).

Our learning curriculum combined with high quality teaching ensures that children are supported to achieve our vision statement: like the wise man who built his house on rock, we seek God's wisdom to enable us to nurture our school community so that all can flourish and achieve their best in every aspect of school life.



We believe that great learning opens doors and expands horizons. The greatest gift that we can give to all our children, staff and community is to instil a love of learning and develop a thirst for knowledge. This way they will achieve the best possible outcomes and build learning habits that will last a lifetime.

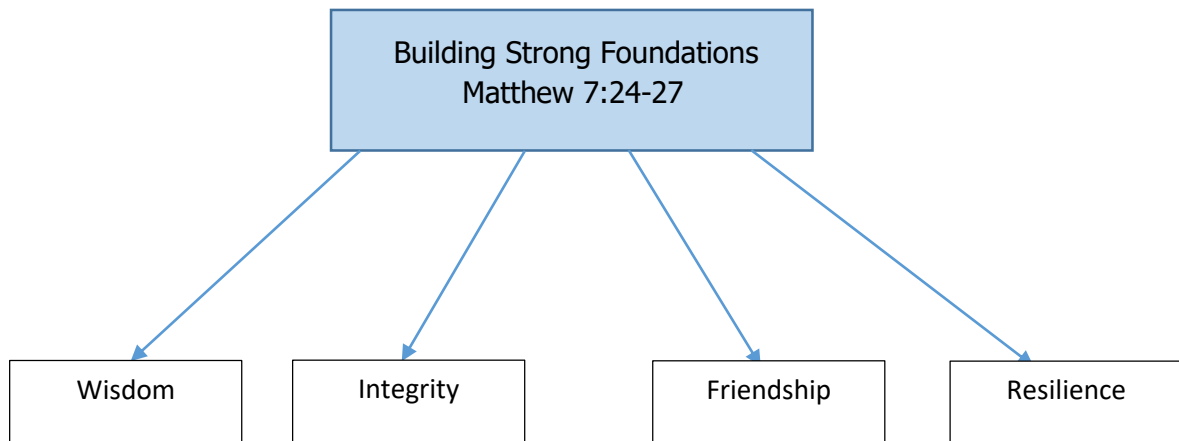
At Lewknor Church of England Primary School, we believe that all children are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum that is word-rich, interesting, engaging and provides a range of learning opportunities. We have designed our curriculum to ensure that children know more, remember more and are able to do more.

We offer a mastery curriculum, which is underpinned by exciting and inquiring lessons. When designing our curriculum, we took into account the needs of our learners and community, our Christian vision and core values of wisdom, integrity, friendship and resilience.

With our Christian vision and core values in place we developed our curriculum to be well-sequenced, knowledge-rich and coherent with ambitious schemes of work in all subjects and in all areas of school life. This means that our fully inclusive curriculum offer is enriched and personalised to our children, their families and our community.

Cultural Capital

Alongside the formal curriculum, we aim to cultivate a rich cultural capital where we embed a culture of wonder and interest in the world. We ensure that current affairs do not go unnoticed. Carefully considered enrichment through visits and visitors enhance our curriculum offer and ensure equality of opportunity. All children can experience life beyond their immediate personal context.



Core Value - Wisdom

The Bible talks of wisdom as a gift from God. Wisdom is not just about how clever someone is; it is about how we use our knowledge to make the right choices and decisions, being prepared to listen to the advice of others, thinking before you speak and choosing silence over words.



At Lewknor Church of England Primary School, wisdom involves considering others, deliberating over the issues, reflecting on the long view and taking into account all possible consequences.

Through God's words we gain an understanding that God is the one who gives the gift of knowledge - that is an understanding or awareness of something. The Lord, however, grants knowledge to those who have an honest relationship with him.

Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands – Psalms 119:66

Core Value - Integrity



For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man - 2 Corinthians 8:21

Integrity means honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage. We all encounter difficult or frustrating situations throughout the day. Working with integrity means trying your best, even when it may feel challenging to do so. It also means, whether you win or lose, you do so graciously.

Another way to show integrity at school is to meet your responsibilities from completing homework on time to taking part in every aspect of school life. Upholding your responsibilities is a straightforward way to show that you are engaged with what's happening around you.

Core Value - Friendship

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you
- John 15:13-14 (the Last Supper)

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you - John 15: 15



Friendship enables each person to grow in their own way and values individual difference. Trust, feeling comfortable in each other's company, being able to tell each other the truth and to share joys and sorrows are all features of friendship.

In our school we show friendship by being kind, by helping each other, by playing together, by listening to each other and by including all.

Friends are not afraid to tell each other the truth and a friend's loving criticism is worth more than the empty compliments of someone who does not really care for you. *Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses* - Proverbs 27:6.

Core Value - Resilience

Resilient people do not let their troubles define them, instead they grow through them.

There are many definitions for resilience because it means different things to different people. Some say resilience is the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties or having a personal toughness. Other people will explain that resilience is an ability to deal with life in spite of fears, setbacks, or limited resources. Christians believe that by giving over our concerns to Jesus, He is able to extend grace to us so that we have help in our times of need.



Interestingly, Jesus never promised that life would always be straightforward or without complications. In fact, he told us that from time to time, we would face tough seasons. However, he also reminded us that he will be with us and is ready to help if we turn to him (Philippians 4:13).

Resilience is a difficult thing to grasp because it is not a gift or something that is easily passed on from one person to another. However, it is something we grow in as we experience difficult or testing situations. In fact, we learn to grow more resilient as we experience different trials and challenges on life's journey. As Christians, we learn to look beyond circumstances and fix our minds and hearts on things above, believing that God knows every detail of our life and that we do not walk through challenges on our own.

Close Family Community

As a school our Vision and Values are for all members of the school community, pupils, staff, parents and governors;

- to achieve excellence in both academic learning and personal conduct
- to promote Christian values and an awareness of the value of life itself, whilst fostering a sensitivity towards the beliefs and values of others
- to develop a sense of responsibility and respect for ourselves, for others and for the world in which we live, enabling us to make considered, confident and informed choices about our lives
- to build and maintain positive relationships
- to encourage enthusiasm for lifelong learning and personal development for all members of our school community
- to prepare for the future challenges of education and of adult life
- to encourage reflection about self, learning and personal growth
- to develop independence as well as team-working skills
- to be mindful of our safety and the safety and welfare of others
- to continue to be an integral part of the community, to ensure the viability of the school for future generations

Children have a strong sense of belonging to Lewknor Church of England Primary School. They are proud of their school and they strive to do well. They embody our vision and values and have the confidence and skills to embark upon new challenges and experiences.