Creative-Curious-Collaborative Learning

Inspiring and Growing for Fullness of Life: John 10:10



Inspiring and growing all children through educational excellence to live life in all its fullness.

St James' C of E Primary provides an **ambitious, inclusive** curriculum within the context of caring Christian beliefs and practices. We offer **educational excellence** through encouraging all children to be **curious, creative and collaborative.**

Our children are **inspired** and **grown** through our **high standards** of teaching and learning, enriched by meaningful experiences, our **collaborative** approach, and a curriculum shaped by our vision for spiritual growth and Christian values.

Children leave St James' C of E Primary with a **sense of identity, empathy, wisdom, the ability to take on a challenge,** and **a sense of purpose, enabling them to be ready for their next stage of learning and to live life in all its fullness.**

Inspiring…

Throughout God's Big Story, we see a call to be inspired, literally to be filled with God's life-giving Spirit. At St James', we seek to inspire our children to recognise their God-given potential and to develop the confidence, curiosity and courage to flourish. Through our curriculum, worship, relationships and experiences, we enable our children to be filled with that same life-giving Spirit and to make a positive difference in the world around them.

Growing…

The Christian story is one of growth and transformation, so that we become all that God intended us to be. We believe that every child is uniquely created in the image of God and is called to flourish. At St James', we nurture this growth through our creative, curious and collaborative approach to our curriculum, our relationships guided by our Christian values and our assessment processes, enabling children to develop in knowledge, understanding, maturity and awareness of their wider world. We support children in their academic, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, helping them to become the very best version of themselves.

Fullness of Life…

Throughout God's Big Story we see a thread of 'the good life' - a life lived in relationship with God, one another and the wider world. It is rooted in the understanding that we are loved, cherished and of infinite value because we are all made in the image of God. As such, we are called to live in loving, life-giving and fair relationships with those around us, showing compassion, respect and forgiveness. At St James', we encourage our children to live out these Christian values each day and to recognise their responsibility to help others experience life in all its fullness. Through serving others, caring for creation and supporting those in need, we seek to enable every member of our community to flourish and experience the fullness of life that Jesus promises. (John 10:10)

St James' Golden Threads

CREATIVE



We believe

Every child is creative.

Creativity is not confined to art, music or performance. It is the ability to imagine, innovate, solve problems and express ideas.

This means we:

- Encourage children to take risks in learning,
- Value original thinking.
- Provide opportunities for children to create, design, perform and innovate.
- Celebrate different ways of expressing understanding.

You will see

- Children making choices.
- High-quality outcomes.
- Opportunities for creativity across the curriculum.
- Working walls that celebrate process as well as product.

You will hear

- "What could we try?"
- "Is there another way?"
- "What do you notice?

CURIOUS



We believe

Curiosity drives learning.

Children should leave St James' with a love of discovering, exploring and learning more.

This means we:

- Welcome questions.
- Create opportunities for enquiry.
- Support children to seek answers independently.
- Model curiosity as adults.

You will see

- Children asking and answering big questions.
- Rich discussion
- Investigations and exploration
- St James' team who are curious

You will hear

- "I wonder…"
- "Why do you think that?"
- "let's find out?

COLLABORATIVE

Co-operation

We believe

Learning together helps everyone achieve more.
Children leave St James' able to work with others, share ideas and contribute confidently.

This means we:

- Learn together.
- Think deeply and discuss ideas.
- Learn through talk and teamwork.
- Build confidence and independence.

You will see

- All children actively learning.
- Lessons that promote thinking.
- Learning accessible to all, with challenge for everyone.
- Children use collaborative learning to deepen understanding.

You will hear

- "What do you think?"
- "I agree because…"
- "Can you explain your idea?"
- "Can we build on that idea?"
- "We learn better together."

