How does our curriculum help children to learn more and remember more?



"To be guided by God's wisdom, to embrace challenge and strive to achieve our best, enjoying all that we do together."

We have kept our vision clear, simple and at the forefront of all we do, so that all stakeholders can articulate it, and more importantly, live it out in all we do.

Intent

We aim to:

- Provide the best life opportunities possible
- Develop **creativity**, **confidence** and **competence** within children
- Ensure knowledge and experience-rich learning journey for all
- Enable children to make links and apply their learning
- Expand children's vocabulary
- Impact positively on our local community
- Live out our school vision as fully as possible

Implementation

In planning, delivering and monitoring lessons, we consider:

- Making links between subjects and topics, as well as with prior and subsequent learning
- Cognitive load and how that impacts on our teaching and learning
- Repeated retrieval of information
- Ensuring children are provided with and use new vocabulary in context
- **High expectations** of children and ourselves
- Maximum engagement of children and parents/carers in learning
- Spiral-structured learning which builds on prior knowledge
- Formative and summative assessment opportunities, using our progression documents, informing planning

We ensure that:

- A **subject focus** is maintained throughout
- Knowledge organisers are being developed which support teaching and learning
- Subject leaders attend and lead CPD which improves teaching within subjects
- Pupils with additional needs are planned for appropriately
- **Differentiation and adaptation** is effective
- Regular **monitoring** of every subject is impactful

Impact

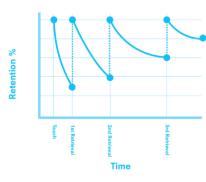
Our curriculum is evaluated against our aims through:

- Pupil outcomes (achievement)
- School governance
- Feedback from parents, children and teaching staff
- Lesson visits
- Learning walks

Pupils leave St Augustine's C of E (VA) Junior School with:

- A secure understanding of the academic content covered
- The understanding of how to be socially, morally, spiritually and culturally responsible and globally aware
- Awareness of how to make positive contributions to the local area
- Skills, knowledge and the ambition to be the best they can be, as lifelong learners

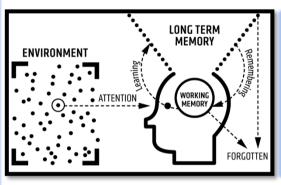
Spaced practise



Research shows that spaced practise and making links with prior learning helps to commit knowledge to our long-term memory...



Before planning our curriculum, we **asked our stakeholders** (parents, staff and governors) what they want our curriculum to be/do for our children. Their responses created the word cloud above. This way, we know our curriculum is **bespoke to our school and community.**



We try and minimise distractions, to ensure attention is where we want it to be...



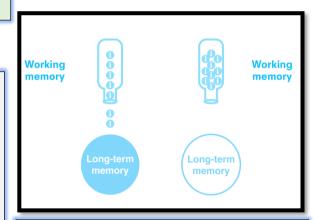
We are in the process of embedding enhancements and refinements to our curriculum, which ensure a texts at the heart of everything.

Our **Progression Documents** ensure progress in every subject from one year to the next and our **Curriculum Statements** set out the **Intent**, **Implementation and Impact** of each subject.





We know that **information** and **knowledge** are two different things, as shown here...



We consider **cognitive load**, to ensure learning is committed to long-term memory...

Vocabulary

Vocabulary size relates to **academic success**, and schooling is crucial for increasing the **breadth** of children's vocabulary.

The teaching of key vocabulary is planned across topics and individual subjects, **expanding** and **broadening** the vocabulary that all children are exposed to.

Desirable difficulty



We know that **differentiation and adaptation** may vary from child to child and class to class...

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SUBJECT FOCU

Each topic focuses on an overarching high-quality, challenging text. Subjects are taught within this overarching topic, but retain a **subject focus** – i.e. children know when they are learning geography/history/art – not just 'topic'.

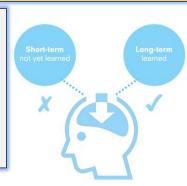
That way, we can make links within and between subjects with what has been previously taught.

These documents, along with the appropriate **high quality vocabulary**, are shared with parents each half term.

We know that learning does not happen instantly, but that knowledge is

developed

over time...



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