

Hookstone Chase Primary School Curriculum

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Enriching Our Curriculum

Our vision is to provide inspirational learning experiences that will ignite sparks within the children and enable them to achieve and be successful.

Enrichment Activities help to bring learning to life, engaging and motivating the children in their learning.

Educational visits are an important feature of our curriculum at Hookstone Chase and are used to support our curriculum. Visits are used at different times during learning; sometimes to launch a topic and sometimes to consolidate learning.

In **2016 -2017**, the following visits took place:

- Yorkshire Wildlife Park (Year 1)
- Forest Schools at the Yorkshire Showground (Year 2)
- Backstage at Harrogate Theatre (Years 3 & 4)
- Life Centre in Newcastle (Years 1 & 2)
- Northern Ballet at Middlesborough Theatre (Years 1 & 2)
- Study of Anglo Saxon Life at Dunstan Hall, Temple Newsam (Years 5 & 6)
- George's Marvellous Medicine at Manchester Opera House (Year 5 & 6)
- Harlow Carr Gardens (Years 1& 2)
- Lotherton Hall (Years 1 & 2)
- Young Voices Concert (Years 5 & 6)
- Eureka (Reception)
- Countryside Day (Year 4)
- Marrick Priory (Year 6)

In addition, we welcome visitors to school who deliver workshops to support the children's learning in different curricular areas.

In **2016 -2017** we welcomed the following visitors into school:

- Paul Cookson - Poet
- Engineers from MWH Global
- Yazi from Amaali Spice – Muslim Workshop
- M & M Theatrical Productions – The Hobbit

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- Fidget Theatre
- Harrogate High School Band
- Zoolab
- NSPCC
- Planetarium which was used for a Star Gazing evening.
- Bush Babies Forest School

We are really fortunate that this year (2017 -2018) our children and teachers are working with a Design Technology specialist from Harrogate High School.

World Book Day is a particular highlight every year with each class selecting a book to focus on. Each classroom door is turned into a book cover and inside the children were dressed up as the characters. The children took part in a range of activities linked to their chosen text.

One of the highlights for the children is the **Year 6 Residential Visit**. We go regularly to Marrick Priory, an outdoor educational centre near Richmond in the beautiful area of Swaledale in the Yorkshire Dales. There is a strong emphasis on teamwork and challenge and the children have the opportunity to experience a number of different activities such as climbing, abseiling, fell walking, orienteering, archery, shelter building, high ropes and canoeing. These visits are important social and educational experiences for the children which we hope they remember them for the rest of their lives.

We provide a range of opportunities to enhance learning in **Music and Drama**. Every child has the opportunity to take part in an annual drama performance. Our younger children take part in a **Nativity Play**, whilst our Year 3 & 4 children performed Matilda following their Roald Dahl study and the Year 5 & 6 children gave a spirited performance of “Snow White, The Wolf and the Seven Little Pigs (and other not so traditional tales).”

For the last four years, the older children have taken part in the **Young Voices Concert** in Sheffield Arena, with thousands of other school children, forming the largest children’s concerts in the world.

We have close links with **Harrogate High School** and take part in a range of a **Dance, Drama and Music** events with their students. For the last few years, the Year 5 children have enjoyed performing alongside the High School students in one of their productions. Last Year the children took part in “Musicals Galore” at the High School.

It is through these activities that the children develop their confidence and other important social skills such as effective communication.

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Musical instrument tuition is available through the LA Music Service including the Wider Opportunities Music Scheme. A number of our pupils are learning to play a range of instruments including guitar, drums, brass, keyboard, violin, flute and clarinet.

The richness of the local community and its environment provide the children with a wealth of experiences which enhance the personal development of the children and our provision for SMSC. The children have enjoyed taking part in **sporting activities** through our links with **Harrogate Railway Football Club** and **Askham Bryan College**. The Year 5 and 6 children have the opportunity to take part in the **Bikeability Programme** which promotes road safety and in addition, the Year 6 children take part in **Crucial Crew**, a “hands on” event in which the children learn about how to keep safe.

The Year 5 and 6 children have the opportunity to become both **School Buddies** and **Sports Leaders** and all the children are able to take part in both inter and intra school sports festivals and competitions.

Throughout the year, festivals and special events are celebrated including Harvest Festival, Christmas and Easter. At Christmas, **the school choir** performs at Knaresborough House and entertains the residents with a Carol Concert and also takes part in a Community Concert in Harrogate. A small number of volunteers from the local community come to work alongside the children, providing valuable support in reading.

Our school grounds provide an excellent environment for the children to learn. We are currently developing our Forest Schools’ Provision and the children across the school take part in **gardening sessions**. They have worked hard to grow a variety of fruit and vegetables, learning about the principles of healthy eating. We are fortunate that we have a number of parents and grandparents who help us with these activities.

Whatever the weather, children and staff take part in **“Walking Wednesdays”**. The link between fitness and achievement is well known and we want to improve the fitness levels of everyone in school. On Wednesdays, we walk a mile around our lovely school grounds. There are different challenges for different classes but our aim is to encourage the children’s engagement in exercise and the outdoors. At different times of the year there are a number of **extracurricular clubs**. Some of the activities that we have had at school recently include: football, netball, multi sports, science, dance, athletics, puzzle club, cookery, choir, Lego, chess and cricket. The Friends of Hookstone Chase run a wide range of both social and fundraising activities for children and parents. These include **Infant Story Night, Junior Night** and discos.

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A number of **charities** are supported and these give children an understanding of the diversity of our community and also provide an opportunity to help those who are less fortunate. The children often select which charities to support and devise the fund raising activities. Charities supported in 2016-2017 included:

- Harrogate Food Bank
- Eradicate Polio Campaign: Planting Crocuses
- Children in Need
- Comic Relief
- Christian Aid
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Dragonfly School Foundation, India