

The Federation of Elson and Gomer Infant School

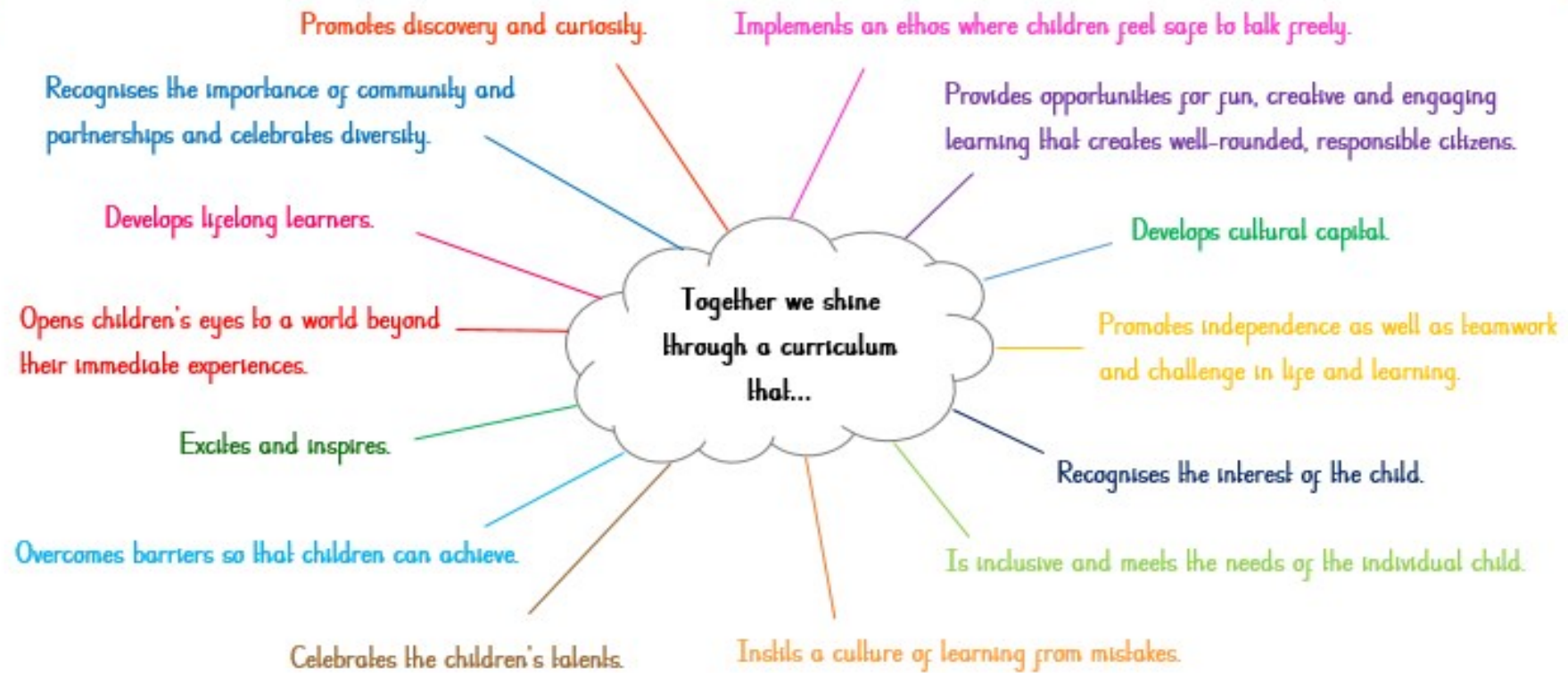
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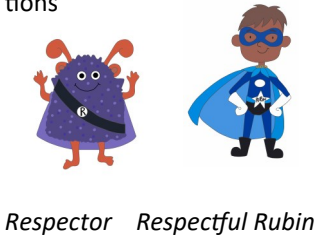

Teaching the whole child



Creating purposeful, engaging hooks and questions to inspire.
Exploring and discovering
Sharing and explaining thinking and reasoning.
Supporting children through evaluating and feedback.
Opportunity to practise and apply known skills.



Building character

S	H	I	N	E
Successful learners	High aspirations	Inspiring individuality and inclusivity	Nurturing relationships	Engagement and enjoyment
<p><u>Building learning powers</u></p> <p>Skills and attitudes are taught to promote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teamwork - challenge - respectfulness - self regulation - reflection 	<p>AfL—to ensure the learning journey challenges and supports</p> <p>Purposeful learning with meaningful outcomes</p> <p>Rich problem solving opportunities</p> <p>Growth mind-set</p> 	<p>Personalised learning and curriculum to ensure children's contributions</p> <p>Knowledge and celebration of British values</p> <p>Task design supports and challenges all pupils including those who have a special educational need</p> <p>Create a sense of belonging by celebrating difference</p> <p>Pupil voice</p> <p>Embedded priority of respect through the whole curriculum. Daily respect award and respect celebrations</p> 	<p>Strong community links including transition links and processes</p> <p>Attachment and Trauma informed practice</p> <p>Strong family links</p> 	<p>Motivated learners, curriculum driven by</p> <p>High quality learning environment and resources</p> <p>Hooks for learning</p> <p>Links to local area</p> <p>Based on children's interests</p> <p>Some child led opportunities</p> <p>Enquiry based</p> <p>Engaging texts</p> <p>Cross curricular learning</p> <p>Themes that provide opportunities for awe and wonder including outdoor and forest learning</p> <p>Elson/Gomer Super 7!</p>

We aim to provide every child with us for 3 years the following experiences we feel are key in their development of cultural capital.

Life experiences

- Take part in **local and national celebrations** e.g. Positive Friendship Week., National Road safety day, Children in Need , Queen's Jubilee, World Cup
- Take part in **local walks & visits** which celebrate our local community (e.g. Elson— Fort Brockhurst, Explosion museum. Gomer— Beach, Dockyard)
- Experience a **live performance** Enjoy and take part in live performances e.g. Pantomime/ Rock steady concert, Christmas Nativity
- Take part in an **offsite visit** outside of Gasport Cfarm, museum etc)
- Enjoy and engage with **visitors to include Famous local person** (Artist, author, services) and cultural/ diversity visitor
- Enjoy and take part in **sporting and community** activities (sports day, local sports festivals, fundraising
- Have first hand experiences of **real life animals**

Our Curriculum Implementation

The following key strategies and organisational methods are used to deliver our curriculum:

- Balance of teacher led and child led learning sessions
- Read Write Inc phonics programme is used in each year group
- The Kinetic Letters handwriting programme is implemented to support the development of children's core strength and correct pencil grip and letter formation and writing fluency
- P4C— strategies are used within the curriculum to support children's thinking ,reasoning and questioning skills
- A CPA (concrete , pictorial, abstract) approach to mathematics gives all children a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and promotes fluency, reasoning and problem solving
- Forest school
- STEM
- Jigsaw
- Cross curricular themes allow children to embed knowledge and learning
- Growth Mind-set Learning
- Attachment and Trauma informed practice
- Subject specialists used to enrich learning experiences in PE and Music

Our Curriculum Impact

Impact

Our learners develop detailed knowledge and skills across the curriculum and progress and achieve well. Our learners have a strong foundation for learning and are well prepared for their next stage of learning.

Our learners develop good character, have a strong sense of community and SHINE by;

- Becoming **Successful learners**
- Having **High aspirations**
- Developing **individuality and inclusivity**
- Experiencing **Nurturing relationships**
- **Engaging and enjoying** school life

This is reflected in National assessments, school tracking, monitoring and pupil voice.