

## **The Westbourne Curriculum**

At Westbourne Primary School we teach The National Curriculum. A new National Curriculum has been introduced for September 2014 and units of work are being planned in line with this. In 2014 Year 2 and Year 6 will continue to follow the previous version of the curriculum for the academic year 2014-15 only. Children in Nursery and Reception classes follow the EYFS curriculum.

### **The Creative Curriculum:**

The National Curriculum subjects are generally taught through our Creative Curriculum topics or themes. This is planned around a range of enquiry activities or learning challenges. This approach is driven by the aim of promoting curiosity and the embedding of basic skills through practice and application in a variety of contexts.

### **Building Learning Power:**

We believe that children learn best when they are actively involved in the learning process. We want them to develop the habits and capacities for lifelong learning and to equip them with the skills and knowledge to reach their potential. To achieve this we follow the principles of Building Learning Power (BLP) and develop this alongside The National Curriculum.

### **Immersive Learning**

We also believe that in order to learn well children need to be fully engaged in the learning. We are developing an “immersive learning environment”. This is intended to provide or replicate as many real life learning experiences as possible linked to our curriculum themes. This approach to learning also includes a rich programme of educational visits, events and visitors to provide a wealth of experiences for each child over the course of their time at Westbourne.

### **Curriculum subjects:**

- English and Mathematics are taught every day, often as stand -alone subjects.
- Other subjects that are often taught outside the theme are PHSE, RE, Science and PE.
- All children in KS1 and KS2 will be taught Computing from September 2014.
- All children in KS2 will be taught a Modern Foreign Language, currently French. This is supported by a MFL teacher from Belle Vue Girls School.
- Children in Years 3 and 4 are taught the Music curriculum through recorder lessons. Supported by Bradford Music Service.
- Children in Year 5 attend statutory swimming lessons taught in separate girls and boys groups.

While Westbourne Primary School is sensitive to religious and cultural issues, it is a community primary school and children are expected to participate fully in all aspects of the National Curriculum including Music and Dance.