



Mrs Jones' Newsletter

Oxenhope C of E Primary School—Newsletter from Mrs Jones—November 19

A New School Year and A New Curriculum



Please can **all** clothing and shoes be named

Parent's evenings—13th and 14th of November

Other key dates are on the website

Can you please send weather appropriate clothing with your child as the weather in Oxenhope can change quickly.



When I first became a teacher there was one thing I wanted to achieve which was to provide children with an exciting and engaging learning experience.

Those of you who work in education will empathise that various government agenda, OFSTED pressures and prioritisation of assessments such as SATs can prevent teachers and leaders from delivering a curriculum which they know is right.

However I am pleased to let you know that OFSED have listened to teachers, parents and children and have written a framework which allows schools to design a curriculum which caters for the children that attend the school. As a passionate educationalist I find this thrilling as it means that we can ensure that our children get an education which is well rounded and nurturing.

One of my first jobs when creating our new curriculum was to write our Curriculum Intent Statement and it is as follows:

Our aim is to provide our children with an inspiring and engaging curriculum which ensures that tomorrow's generation are able to succeed in an ever changing new world.

At Oxenhope C of E Primary our curriculum is designed to offer chil-

dren the opportunities to question the world around them. Gifting them time to wonder, to reflect, to grow.

The progression our curriculum offers means that children build upon previous learning and are allowed time to explore whole topics and themes in order for them to lead the way in their own learning. Our curriculum is built on a firm pedagogy of linked learning, giving children solid pathways in which to join up thinking and therefore learning.

We focus on the whole child building a curriculum which promotes both academic knowledge and real life skills. We ensure that we support all learning styles and open the door to future careers to children of all abilities and we pride ourselves on finding every child's individual strengths.

We strongly believe that the community is a vital teaching tool to equip children with empathy and tolerance. We open children's eyes to the world around them, building on their experiences and helping them find a place in society where they can contribute and add positive value to both their own community and the wider world. Teaching children the importance of standing up and mak-

ing a difference, we instil empowerment ensuring children's voices are heard.

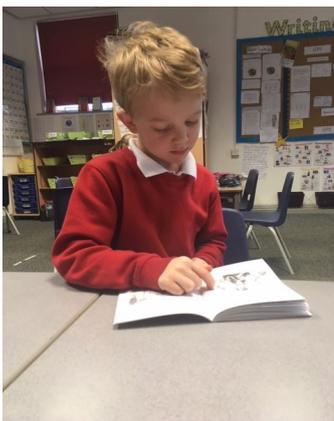
We passionately believe that children need a solid foundation of social skills if they are to succeed in the future. Therefore, we offer a curriculum which teaches, resilience, coping strategies, conflict resolution, taking responsibility, being reflective, understanding choices, compromising, seeing things from other people's perspective and being emotionally aware. These are key features which are interwoven throughout our curriculum, embedding fundamental life skills which are the bedrock of a successful individual.

Children leave Oxenhope being proud of their primary journey. They have a sense of a tight knit community and have the confidence, knowledge and skills to flourish, make connections and relationships and excel at being life-long learners.

I hope that this speaks to you as parents and carers as something that you want your school to be for your children. Throughout this year you will be able to share your opinions and thoughts about our curriculum and your experience of school.

We want school to work for families and children and to be a little home from home for you.

Mrs Jones



Safeguarding - A message from our Chair of Governors

We are aware that at an event last term, one parent or accompanying adult was wearing a tee shirt with a slogan which included foul language. This is clearly inappropriate at events also attended by young children. For the future, I can ask that all parents dress appropriately at such events. If anyone does wear garments that the supervising member of staff deems inappropriate, they will either be asked to cover up the offending garments or in certain cases asked to leave.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD, ACT
You can ring Bradford Social Services Initial Contact Point:

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