

Our Statement of School Vision

Haresfield Church of England Primary School provides a Secure and Creative environment where individuals are valued, nurtured & encouraged to achieve all they can. It is supported by effective partnerships with parents and the community and is underpinned by its Christian ethos.

A “Creative Curriculum”

At Haresfield we work really hard to produce a broad and balanced curriculum for our children – “A Creative Curriculum” This very simply means that we plan the children’s learning of both knowledge and skills through topics. This enables us to include lots of creative and fun opportunities for the children to experience and most importantly of all ENJOY! Learning should be fun, it should be engaging, provide opportunity for questions and enquiry and provide a deeper understanding. Where possible we make links with reading, writing for different purposes and real life maths such as measuring and problem solving linked to the topic. Children learn in lots of different ways by hearing (aural), seeing (visual), doing (kinaesthetic) and through discussions with others. Our Creative Curriculum provides an opportunity for all those learning styles to be catered for.

Each term we send home a coverage sheet which informs you what your children will be learning about so that you have a chance to get involved with their learning.



Finance Committee News – Plans for new playground surface

The children have been working with Mrs Buckle on what they would like on the planned new playground surface. The current tarmac is looking rather tired and it has been agreed that we will replace this with a new softer and safer surface which will include a new play road track with parking, hop scotch, mirror me and a 1-25 spiral to name a few of the children's suggestions. The likely cost for the new surface is around the £16k mark so lots of fund raising with the support of yourselves and the PTFA will be vitally important in order to make this happen for our children.

Louise Graham Chair of Finance Committee, Vice Chair of Governors



This year the teachers and I have been working on implementing a new system for teaching mathematics across the school - the mastery approach. This approach, based on respected research, allows children to focus on small steps through a topic (such as fractions or multiplication) developing fluency and problem solving during every lesson. Teachers now plan every lesson using the interactive white boards, and include a step by step approach to ensure all children achieve. We have 'Do it! – Twist it! Solve it! If you get a chance to come and see some of the maths books I'm sure you will be very impressed – the children have worked so hard and we feel very proud of the progress they are all making.

On top of this we have also introduced 'Yeti Maths' – our name for Arithmetic lessons. There are some facts in maths that children just have to learn, such as their times tables, and this teaching slot allows the children to practice and recall the facts through games, quizzes, puzzles and timed activities. We have a Yeti in school that is awarded to the child that has worked hard all week in yeti maths - they get to adopt the baby yeti for the following week and try to keep him out of trouble!

I am very proud of all the hard work so far this year – great work team Haresfield!



Mrs Bacon Head Teacher

New Books!

Mrs Bacon has recently purchased new reading books for our children to enjoy. We thought that with the new books it was time to enhance and relaunch the reading record achievement process. So with this in mind we are very excited to launch a new reading reward system.

In addition to the certificates your child will also receive a bookmark for 20 reads, a good work badge for 50 reads, a new book for 100 and a £5 voucher for 200 reads!

We hope this will encourage your children to read more regularly to you, as reading is a vital part for our children's learning and will help with so many other parts of the curriculum.



Louise Graham – Parent Governor

Christian Living

We continue to endeavour to live out our Christian values and make them a part of all that we do in school. The children have been learning about Friendship this term. We see this value reflected in many of the stories that Jesus told, and demonstrated in the behaviour of many characters in the Bible in both the Old and New testaments. Developing our children's knowledge of the Christian faith and their own spirituality is a very important part of our school both in terms of the curriculum we deliver and the opportunities that we provide. Each term we send a values sheet home for you to look at with your child or children. It would be lovely if parents could send in anything that they do, or make so that we can display and celebrate your support in our values teaching at home.

After our Easter holiday we took part in "Experience Easter" at St Peter's Church. This was an opportunity to find out and understand what Christians believe about Easter and why they continue certain customs even today. The children enjoyed their time in St Peter's Church, the questions and thoughtful questions showed how much they learnt.

Parents of children in Y5 and 6 maybe aware that we have formed a link with St James' Church of England Junior School in the centre of Gloucester. The children who attend that school are from many different countries and faith backgrounds. We took our Harvest Worship to their school and they led a Worship for us on the Jewish festival of Hanukah. We have further opportunities coming up this term. It has been wonderful for the children from both schools to meet up and share a little bit about themselves and their schools. I am so proud of the welcome that our children extended to the visitors.

Mr Jeakins and Mrs Segelov are our Foundation Governors and members of St Peter's Church. They are wonderful supporters of all our Christian learning and help us as much as possible in making the Church and themselves available to us.

Mrs S Smout.



Outdoor Learning.

We are so grateful that we have the use of the woodland classroom to enhance our learning opportunities at school. Owls and Bats are planning to go every Friday next term.

This year we were lucky enough to have a famous photographer come into school to work with all classes. Iain Green brought cameras for the children to use and we all went to the woodland classroom to find 'wildlife in our back garden.' The results are truly spectacular, we have some very talented children at school, and we are hoping to have some of the pictures printed onto canvases to decorate the school.