

Our Curriculum

At Stone Hill School, we offer a broad and balanced curriculum that is relevant for all of our pupils, providing them with the knowledge and experiences they need to develop skills for learning, life and work. Our curriculum is designed to meet the individual needs of all pupils and supports them in reaching their potential; we offer experiences that allow our pupils to become:

- Leaders of their learning
- Effective participators
- Resourceful problem-solvers
- Reflective and creative learners
- Independent enquirers
- Team workers.

Learning Behaviours and Skills Builder

These predominant learning behaviours and skills underpin all aspects of our curriculum. Through them, we promote positive behaviour and active engagement with learning across the whole school. Our pupils have daily opportunities to learn through experiential learning activities based on, and inspired by, the national curriculum.



The Wider Curriculum

Our curriculum extends beyond our classrooms as we want all our pupils to learn the skills needed for independence and living in the 21st century. To support this, pupils regularly go on trips that support the development of key life skills, they take part in lunch time clubs that develop social skills and resilience, and they have a wide selection of leisure activities that encourage a positive approach to healthy living. Pupils in Upper School undertake work experience, attend college and explore a variety of options for post-16 provision. Our highly personalised Life Skills programme complements the Stepping Out programme, allowing pupils to practise and apply their independence skills in real life settings. Our bespoke Independent Travel Training programme is tailored to meet the differing needs of individual pupils.

All of this results in a robust transition programme for pupils moving through key phases in school and then into post-16 provisions.

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Our curriculum is underpinned by the National Curriculum and tailored to meet the unique needs of each pupil. Communication, readiness to learn, Literacy and Numeracy are the cornerstones of our curriculum. Our curriculum across all subjects is progressive with a strong focus on the mastery approach. All learning supports our pupils knowing more, remembering more and being able to do more. It is important that the curriculum reflects our pupils' lives and provides unique experiences for learning. Fundamental British values are those that are important in all cultures and societies, and so SMSC development is fundamental to all aspects of learning in our school.

Our Curriculum Offer

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| Literacy | Religious Education | Computing |
| Numeracy | Physical Education | Food Technology |
| Maths | Modern Languages | Outdoor Learning |
| English | Humanities | Forest School |
| Science | Creative Arts | Enterprise |
| Health and Wellbeing | Design and Technology | Careers Programme |

Our Awards and Qualifications

- Swimming Awards
- Arts Awards
- Sports Leader Award
- Princes Trust Award
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- ASDAN Awards
- Global Citizenship Bronze Award
- GCSE/Functional Skills/Entry Level/BTEC

Our vision and values

In our school, we appreciate the similarities and differences within the community. We believe that our children should be happy and encourage them to investigate, ask questions, work together and build their independence as far as possible. We ensure that all of our pupils experience valid successes. We value all learning and celebrate personal achievements regularly.

We know that family is important in supporting the progress of our children and we have regular parent and carer workshops and meetings throughout the year to share information on curriculum and pastoral issues. We communicate regularly with parents and carers via Seesaw and email. We invite parents and carers along to open evenings twice a year, as well as Sports Day in Lower School and the annual school play at Christmas. We have an open door policy which means that parents and carers are welcome at any time.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

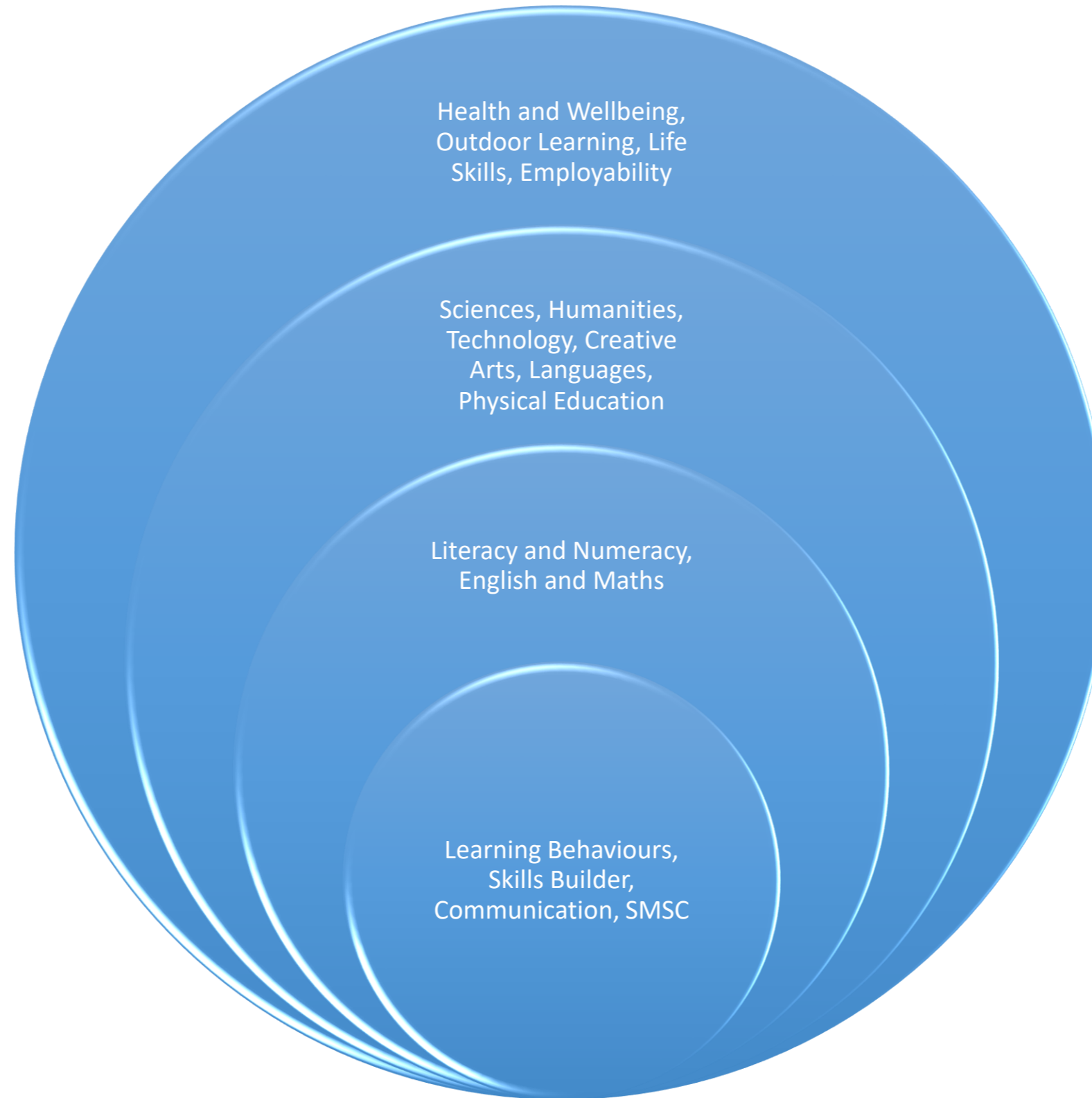
Quality First Teaching ensures that all pupils meet their personalised outcomes. Our staff use a wide range of evidence-informed approaches to meet the varying needs of pupils, who are engaged and challenged. Staff work collaboratively to effectively support pupils who may have additional barriers to learning. Our three wave approach to intervention ensures all pupils work towards achieving their potential. Forest School provides opportunities for pupils to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on experiences in a natural setting. Our pupils tell us they enjoy their learning. Assessment of each child is holistic, giving a clear picture of individual progress. Data collection is rigorous and is used to inform and improve our pupils' experiences. Pupils have regular opportunities to talk about their learning and progress. Our staff participate in, and deliver, regular training. This supports our aspiration to provide quality learning experiences for all pupils in preparing them for their futures.

Know

Explore

Communicate

Belong



Reflective

Responsible

Creative

Successful

Confident

Curious

Resilient

Resourceful

Independent