



Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum intent

Our distinctly Christian vision for our school is to be 'good soil' for the children and adults of Humshaugh C of E First School to grow and flourish. This is based on Jesus' parable of the soils found in Matthew 13-3-8, where the seed is sown well, cultivated and nurtured to produce a bumper crop. In Early Years, this vision extends to include our strong partnership with parents, families and the community that we serve. We know that children learn best when they have adults who know them well and can provide a happy, safe and secure environment where children feel confident to try new things and develop their self-esteem. Our Christian ethos is firmly embedded in our Early Years curriculum with a focus on the values of love, kindness and forgiveness, where children develop strong relationships with trusted adults and develop caring friendships with their peers.

We recognise that all children have varied life experiences and so begin their school life with different starting points. Our aim is to plan rich teaching and learning opportunities for all children within our rural community. We believe that all children deserve an education that is rich in wonder and memorable experiences. We seek to engage enquiring minds and support their natural curiosity and interests to flourish.

At Humshaugh C of E First School, we recognise the importance of developing children's Communication and Language skills, not only for their time in school, but also as an essential life skill. Our curriculum is planned around books and stories which help our children to gain purposeful acquisition of skills and knowledge as well as supporting the development of a rich and varied vocabulary.

We have planned the Early Years curriculum to reflect our community so that our children have an understanding of their immediate world as well as an awareness of the broad diversity of the wider world. We want to build strong foundations for the future and for our children to have every opportunity to "dream big and flourish, living in harmony with others in school, in our village and in our world."