

Communication Policy

At Ashbury Meadow Primary School, we believe that the curriculum should be broad, balanced, and relevant to meet the emotional and academic needs of all learners in school. The communication team has decided upon the following policy to ensure a high standard of learning at Ashbury Meadow Primary School. This encompasses the subjects of literacy, music, art and physical education. It is imperative that the children have a wide range of learning experiences that challenge, stimulate and promote thinking and learning.

Literacy

Individual policies for reading, writing and handwriting have been produced.

Art

Within the school, we allow for a range of experiences and artistic skills to be experienced within the curriculum.

This includes:

- artwork based on the thematic learning taking place in classes
- using a range of different materials to creatively design and make products
- using drawing, painting and sculpture to explore their ideas, imagination and experiences
- to be given the opportunity to research and take inspiration from great artists, architects and artistic innovators through time.

Children in Year 5 have also been given the opportunity to develop artwork for a car in partnership with City in the Community.

Music

Within school, we allow for a range of different experiences for the children with the help of the One Education Music Service.

We encourage the children to

- explore, enjoy and feel able to contribute to music lessons
- create music and see themselves as musicians
- express ideas and feelings through musical creation

This involves classes receiving specialist music teaching on a fortnightly basis to develop their musical education, weekly singing assemblies led by an expert, and a school choir that takes place on a Wednesday after school.

The use of the specialist music teaching allows for class teachers to develop their own skills in teaching music through observation and participation of a specialist teaching session.

Year 4 also receives a range of wider opportunities for music teaching that allow for specialisms in particular instruments.

Physical Education

Throughout KS1 and 2, children have weekly PE lessons with a sports coach from Manchester City FC learning skills in football, tennis, basketball and gymnastics.

We offer a variety of after-school sports clubs that allow children to participate in; gymnastics, cross country, football, dance, and basketball. Many pupils take part in these after-school clubs, and as a result feel fitter and happier due to the physical experiences provided by the school.

In Year 4, children are provided with the opportunity to learn and improve their ability in swimming. This opportunity is provided by the Manchester City Council.

We provide competitive games for years 2-6, including girls and boys football, cross country and tag rugby. We would like to provide a wider variety of opportunities for competitive sports.

The achievements of children in sport in and out of school are celebrated within assemblies in school.