

Elmbridge Curriculum: Intent Statements

Subject	Intent Statement
Curriculum (all subjects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Elmbridge curriculum will evolve to reflect the knowledge and skills needed for life in the 21st Century. • Pupils will be confident to embrace the next stage of their learning. • Pupils will have enquiring minds, be independent and resilient. • Pupils will value the importance of reading and communicate ideas effectively. • Staff and pupils will know how to look after their physical and mental health. • Staff and pupils will show respect, tolerance and compassion for each other.
Reading	Reading is everything! It is the gateway for children to access the world around them. Reading with passion, purpose and frequency is crucial in supporting well being, curiosity and academic success. Pupils can answer their own enquiring minds across a range of subjects; through the skills of decoding, fluency and comprehension. Reading is a safe forum for each child to develop an understanding of the world around them, experiencing the values of compassion, empathy and tolerance whilst learning about and deriving pleasure from their own and other cultures.
Writing	Inform, Communicate and Entertain (ICE)! allowing children to take the thoughts inside their heads and share them with others. Writing is also an act of creation and can provide children with a safe space to develop their imaginations, and to be playful with language. At Elmbridge, we want to help children to be experienced and knowledgeable about the technical elements of writing, and to understand the multitude of purposes for which it can be used so that they have the skills necessary to change the world one day.
Oracy	Communication is Key! At Elmbridge Primary School we understand that being able to communicate freely, confidently and articulately is fundamental to improving and securing happy, successful and aspirational futures for our children. It is our aim that all children at our school know the value of their own voice, becoming inspirational and engaging orators regardless of their background, culture or race; enabling them to embrace the future they aspire to have
Maths	Maths counts! Mathematics is the key to unlocking the secrets of the universe! At Elmbridge, we excite and inspire our children to see themselves as mathematical explorers. Children leave us being fluent in number, having the ability to reason mathematically and having the tools instilled to solve problems. We cultivate our learners' inquisitive nature and curiosity, fostering a positive attitude to maths with our mantra 'Yes I Can!' Our ambition is that all children believe in themselves enough to approach maths with courage and resilience, knowing that mistakes make us masters.
Science	'Passionately Curious'! Science is important because it is fundamental to our understanding of the world around us and its study develops curious children. Our school wants to nurture confident scientists who feel that science is a subject for people like them.
Computing	Connecting with the future! The Elmbridge curriculum allows pupils to develop the skills needed to communicate effectively, be creative and embrace ever-changing technology. We strive to enable pupils to become responsible digital citizens who engage with technology in order to enhance both their lives and the lives of others.
Wellbeing	Looking after ourselves and each other! At Elmbridge we encourage our pupils to be confident and independent, enabling them to flourish so they can go through life forming positive and meaningful relationships, showing compassion and respect for others. Through their PSHE education they will understand that their mental and physical health are of equal importance and learn about life choices; the resilience we nurture in them will enable them to face life's challenges and live happy and healthy lives.
French	Tout le monde! French is important at Elmbridge because we want to develop confident, enquiring linguists . We want our pupils to be curious about the world and able to connect with others.
Music	Life is better with music. At Elmbridge Primary School, our music curriculum intends to inspire creativity, self-expression and encourage our children on their musical journeys. We

	hope to foster a lifelong love of music by exposing them to diverse musical experiences. By listening and responding to different musical styles, finding their voice as singers and performers and as composers, all will enable them to become confident, reflective musicians.
Geography	Only One World! Geography at Elmbridge is about teaching children to better understand the world they live in; its people, places and environments and the interactions between them. Geography helps us understand how and why places are changing. It will show children they can make informed choices about their behaviour towards the planet; to value the place they live; to understand the impact they have on places and environments.
History	Never forget. History at Elmbridge is about showing children how the past has shaped the world they live in – we can only understand the present in understanding what has come before. In history we encourage children to be inquisitive, reflective and analytical. We want them to learn from past events and to understand how individual choices and collective actions throughout history are still influencing the lives of people now.
Art	Express Yourself: At Elmbridge, we develop creative artists who risk take, decision make and build self-confidence. Art allows us to step into the past and see the world through the lives of others.
DT	Innovate, make, evaluate: Design and Technology inspires children to solve the world's problems. By designing, making and evaluating, our children use their technical skills and knowledge to develop products fit for purpose, for a given audience, within a real life context. We encourage pupils to become confident, creative risk takers and problem solving citizens who will have the skills to contribute to future advancements in a rapidly changing world. Cooking is a skill for life. With regular cooking practise, our pupils will understand how to use tools safely to prepare healthy meals and follow recipes that make up a balanced diet. We want our pupils to understand the importance of maintaining optimal health through a varied diet and to enjoy the process of cooking. We encourage our pupils to be resilient chefs, taking creative risks in the kitchen through flavour and texture combinations by adapting recipes and evaluating through taste testing theirs and others meals.
PE	PE ignites the body and mind! At Elmbridge, we believe PE gives you the freedom to be the best that you can be. It develops teamwork, builds self-esteem and promotes good physical and mental wellbeing.
Religion and Worldviews	One world yet many worldviews. At Elmbridge, we believe that our children should be taught about key worldviews and have empathy and respect for all religious and non-religious beliefs whilst having the confidence and awareness to ask challenging, thought provoking questions. We want to install a sense of right and wrong and challenge pre-developed stereotypes so that our children are able to make reasoned and informed opinions and judgements.
SEND	Everyone belongs ... Everyone thrives: Families are at the heart of everything we do at Elmbridge, where all our children can flourish and achieve. It is our shared responsibility to unlock their potential through a personalised and child-centred approach. We want our parents of pupils with SEND to feel welcomed, valued and actively involved in the decision making of their child's learning. Our ambition is to give our SEND pupils opportunities that showcase the 'best' they can be.