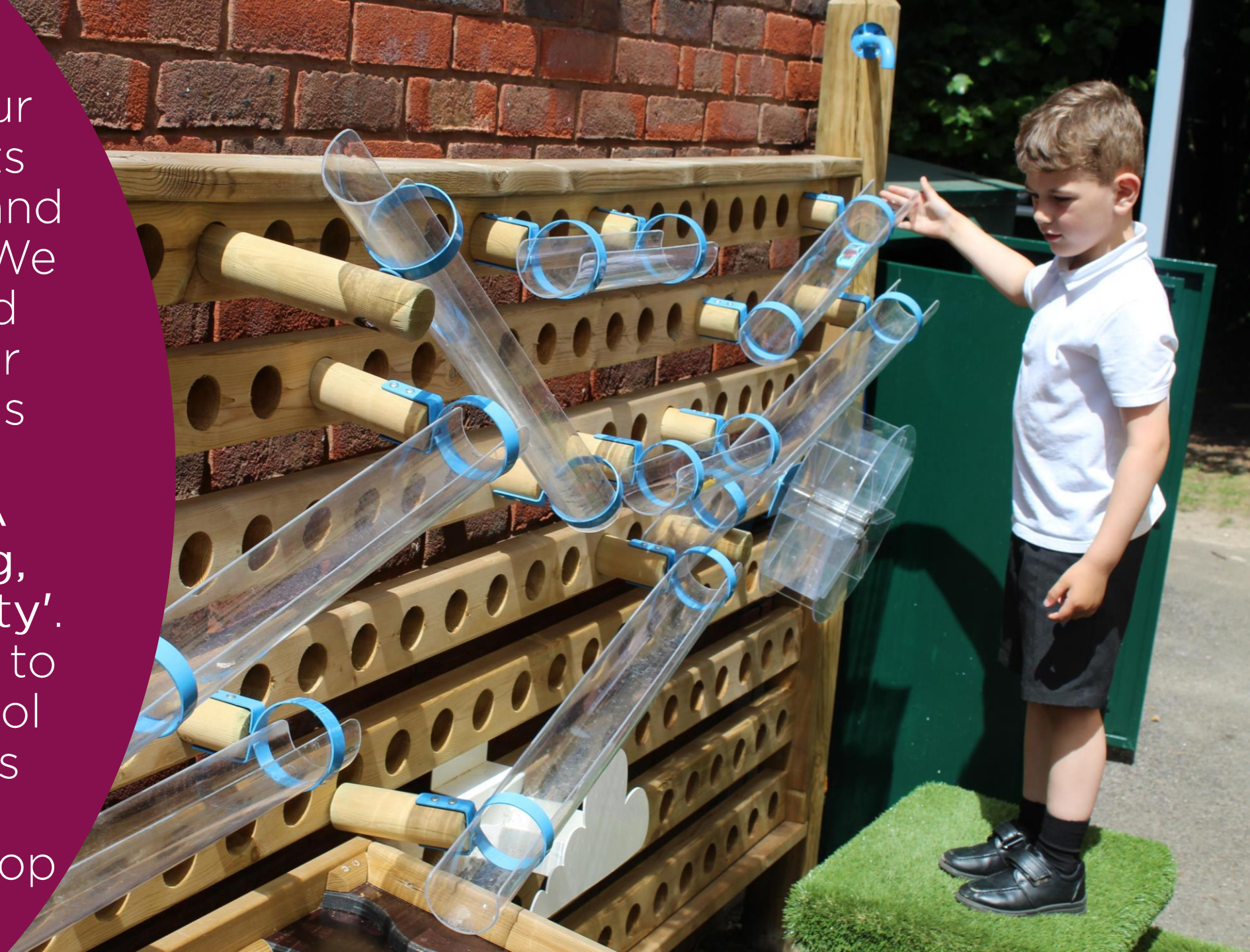




Rucstall
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Curriculum Explained

Here at Rucstall Primary School our curriculum reflects what our children and community need. We are ambitious and passionate for our children and this is conveyed in our school slogan: 'A caring, fun loving, learning community'. We are committed to developing a school community that is driven to continuously develop and improve.



Our curriculum is designed to deliver these values. Everyone at the school works hard to ensure all our children are challenged to have the age related skills and knowledge needed to read, write and calculate with numbers. Closing the gap in vocabulary on entry and promoting rich language throughout the curriculum gives children the tools they need to appreciate and participate in the world around them. We want our children to develop their voice and to be able to communicate, with confidence, their view and understanding.



We believe in ensuring every child is valued as an individual, and where hard work and perseverance is valued. Within a culture of caring and celebration, we support and nurture our children to develop a love of learning and challenge, with the skills, understanding and resourcefulness to achieve their potential. The school actively seeks to nurture children's healthy lifestyles and mental health.



In the 21st Century we believe that the most successful learners will be those who are excited about learning, ambitious and motivated for themselves. At Rucstall Primary School we aim to develop enquiring children who are confident to investigate and design solutions. We are eager to develop these skills through opportunities for our children to be creative and expressive, enabling development of their own interests and talents.



Our curriculum is purposeful and relevant for our community. Children enjoy lessons alongside engaging experiences that bring learning to life. Each subject is valued individually which ensures children develop subject specific skills, knowledge and understanding.



Staff receive high quality development opportunities from outside providers, subject leaders, senior leaders and Hampshire County Council to enable them to confidently deliver the curriculum and lead their individual subject areas.

Our rigorous assessment processes ensure that all children are supported and challenged appropriately throughout their learning journey at Rucstall Primary School.



The Rucstall Promise

The Rucstall Promise has been created by staff, governors and pupils. Our Promise encapsulates the rich range of personal, social and cultural opportunities which we believe every child has the right to experience. The seven-year journey that children embark on across the school provides this excellent foundation for later learning and life.



The Rucstall Promise

-Experience Arts and Cultural experiences

-Listen to a live orchestra or concert

-See a live theatre production

-Experience a residential trip

-Run an enterprise project

-Raise money for charity

-Visit the seaside

-Visit a zoo

-Gain a cycling award

-Improve at swimming

-Cook meals

-Visit London

-Hatch and care for animals

-Learn a musical instrument

-Dance, sing and perform

-Take part in a sport event

-Develop a range of life skills

-Travel on a train, boat/hovercraft and coach

-Experience a range of adventurous activities, including outdoor pursuits

-Visit a museum, a place of historical importance and a place of worship



English and Maths are at the core of each day. Sequences of learning link and build key ideas and knowledge within and across subject domains. Where necessary, children with SEN are provided with bespoke objectives and tasks relevant to their development.

Reading and mastering vocabulary are also equally important in enabling our children to overcome any difficulty and challenge in their lives. Our curriculum enhances children's opportunity to achieve this through the extensive promotion of independent reading and our 'Rucstall Words' initiative.



Throughout the school year there are weekly lessons in Science, History, Geography, PSHE, Computing, PE, Art, Music and French. The timetable is also punctuated with occasional theme days in Art, DT and RE. We find outcomes for children are more effective when these subjects are taught with a short, dedicated focus. Within our Science and Humanities subjects units are taught through enquiry questions that encourage children to articulate and apply their understanding. Our PSHE programme incorporates many aspects of safeguarding, relationships and mental well-being. We believe strongly that our children must be taught proactively how to keep themselves safe and happy on a weekly basis.



Some examples of Curriculum Trips we have previously undertaken

- Wellington Country Park
 - Windsor Castle
- Winchester Science Centre
 - Southsea
- Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
 - Hovercraft to Ryde
 - Butser Ancient Farm
- Selborne Study Centre and River Wey
 - Longleat Safari
 - Milestones Museum
- Weald & Downland Museum
 - Highclere Castle

