



Spotlight On...

the Wider Curriculum



Science, History and Geography

Here at BHPS, we share a vision for delivering an immersive and engaging curriculum for all of our pupils. We have developed a bespoke curriculum which provides rich and stimulating lessons for our pupils. Our curriculum allows our pupils to develop skills and deepen knowledge and understanding through meaningful and memorable lessons. As they progress through the school, these skills are built on and further developed and valuable links are made between the topics that are covered, ensuring a strong and extensive knowledge base for all of our pupils.

The Learning Challenge Curriculum

We follow the Learning Challenge Curriculum for History, Geography and Science, a curriculum that has a strong sense of enquiry at its heart. The question-led units of work encourage our pupils to take the lead in their learning. Each unit has one overarching enquiry question, which is linked to the National Curriculum and is supported by subsidiary questions. This allows us the freedom to plan lessons that are interesting and spark the curiosity of our learners. We aim to make our lessons cross curricular wherever possible: Art, D.T, Music and P.E are used within topics to enhance the learning experience of our pupils. Our local area and extensive school grounds are used by teachers to enhance learning for all of our pupils.

A visit to our classrooms will be an unforgettable one: step back in time to the time of the Ancient Egyptians with Year 5 and learn about mummification by mummifying a fish; find out what the Viking diet is in Year 6 by dissecting a Viking poo; or create a volcano with Year 3 and watch as it erupts before your very eyes!!



Enrichment - Buzz Days

Our teachers plan innovative buzz days in each topic - these buzz days are the hook for their new learning. Join Year 2 as they recreate the houses on Pudding Lane and watch as the Great Fire of London is recreated on the playground. Learn about the life of a Roman in Year 4 by immersing yourself in everyday Roman activities like making a mosaic and playing games. Enjoy sampling food from Greece with Year 3 as they find out about life in Mediterranean countries.



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Trips and Visits

We use trips and visits to enrich our pupil's learning in the wider curriculum to provide them with a cultural and diverse experience and widen their horizons. Each year, Year 4 visit Lullingstone Country Park to apply their learning about river features in a real life context. Our Year 1's are always delighted when their grandparents pop in for an afternoon tea during which they tell stories about their lives to help the children learn about history within living memory.



The Quality Mark

We are proud to have achieved the quality mark for History, Geography and Science. The quality mark is awarded to schools as recognition for excellence in teaching and learning so we are incredibly proud of these accreditations in our wider curriculum subjects! Over the past three years, we have been awarded the Gold award for the Primary History Quality Mark (PHQM), the silver award for the Primary Geography Quality Mark (PGQM) and the silver award for the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). Amazingly, we were the first school in South East London to achieve the quality mark in history!



Outreach

As a centre of excellence in humanities, I facilitate a forum for the schools in the borough termly. This forum is a platform for us to share our good practice with other local schools as well as a way to magpie ideas from others, so we are continually developing and improving our practise. For the past two years, I have worked with a cluster of schools in Southwark to help them develop the teaching and learning of humanities further in their own schools. The development of our outreach work with other schools is something we will continue to build on and develop in the next academic year.

We hope this edition of 'Spotlight On' will give you a flavor of our wider curriculum. We look forward to updating you further on other areas of the wider curriculum in the next academic year.

Have a look at our website to find out more about our school.

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Pride in everything we do!

