

# **SHELTON INFANT SCHOOL**

## **Preparing children for life in modern day Britain**

At Shelton Infant School, we have high aspirations for each of our pupils regardless of their backgrounds, individual skills or talents.

We believe that all children can contribute positively in their own lives as a child and in the future as a responsible, confident and skilled learner with the desire to play an active role in society. We seek to achieve this by:-

- Teaching children to be literate and numerate to the highest possible standard and to be able to transfer these skills into problem solving and to a range of real life experiences, eg through meaningful teaching & learning activities, role play.
- Embracing the use of modern technology, eg. ICT, as well as traditional methods of learning.
- Teaching the importance of keeping safe and engaging in a healthy lifestyle, eg. all pupils receive high quality PE lessons, Foundation Stage pupils access outdoor provision daily, our PSHE curriculum includes how to adopt a healthy lifestyle. Outdoor learning is incorporated into the curriculum wherever possible including Forest School sessions.
- Teaching children to recognise the importance of the arts and creativity. The school has links with creative practitioners and a specialist music teacher who work with the children. The school endeavours to adopt a creative approach to the curriculum wherever possible.
- Promoting an appreciation of history and human endeavour, eg. children learn about significant British inventors, the history of key female aviators.
- Instilling the importance of working hard as well as to stop and enjoy the world around them. Educational visits often reinforce this.
- All pupils are members of the Shelton Infant University and all aspire to graduate by attending a range of extra-curricular activities and undertaking projects out of school.
- The children regularly participate in fund-raising to raise their awareness of the different needs of a society, eg. baking biscuits for Children in Need, baking cakes for Fair Trade, raising money for conservation projects by sponsoring owls and penguins.
- Teaching the importance of individual effort and also the contribution which can be made within teams. Children regularly engage in individual and group

tasks, eg. in Learning to Learn adventures pupils work together to solve problems and dilemmas and to agree a way forward.

- Promoting positive attitudes towards lifelong learning and the desire to succeed, eg. regularly communicating to pupils the necessary skills and attitudes which they need to adopt to achieve learning intentions in lessons such as 'More Than Just Me' and 'Thinking for Myself'.