



Donisthorpe Primary School Curriculum

What else is important for our children?

At Donisthorpe Primary School, children benefit from a curriculum that builds on what they understand and know, school life is enriched by a range of high quality experiences and extra-curricular activities. We believe that exposure, not only to culture but also to situations in which the children might not have previous experience of, is of paramount importance to their ongoing successes.

What is cultural capital?

Cultural capital is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a child can be drawn upon, which demonstrates their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence; it is one of the key ingredients for a child to be successful in society, their career and the world of work.

Cultural capital is empowering, it helps children achieve goals, become successful, and rise up the social ladder without necessarily having wealth or financial capital. Cultural capital promotes social mobility and success in society. Cultural capital is having assets that give children the desire to aspire and achieve whatever their starting point.

Gradually widening children's experiences as they progress through school is an important step in providing rich and engaging learning across the curriculum to develop their cultural capital.

Each year children will be offered:

At least 4 Experience Days, including 1 educational visit

During EYFS and Key Stage 1 children will:

- Take part in a performance to parents
- Take part in a local field trip/community event etc
- Care for animals (e.g. chicks)

During Year 3 or Year 4

- Learn to play an instrument
- Participate in an enterprise activity
- Visit a theatre

During Year 5 or Year 6

- Participate in a cultural visit (Leicester visit to places of worship of world faiths)
- Participate in an Equiteach workshop exploring various aspects of equality
- Have the opportunity to take part in a UK residential visit

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We will plan in learning linked to the history and geography of our local area, for example a study of how Donisthorpe has gone from 'black to green' - coal mining to heart of the National Forest.

Alongside this we also aim to offer all children Forest School sessions, either on or off site, themed weeks, parent workshops and guest speakers as well as a broad spectrum of sporting, musical, creative and cultural activities and experiences linked to learning.