



The Grove Primary Academy

Every child, every challenge, every day

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Academy
Trust
Flying high
together

Welcome

At the Grove Primary Academy, *high aspirations* are instilled in our children so that they can reach their full potential and achieve well. We celebrate the *diversity* of our school community, and are both welcoming and nurturing. We teach, promote and encourage *resilience* so that every child can embrace every challenge, every day. *Respect* underpins every aspect of school life at The Grove. It is instilled in our learners, modelled by our staff and expected from our wider school community.



We are a two form entry primary school with a COIN centre. Our grounds are extensive and beautiful and our children benefit from a resource-rich indoor learning environment. Our outdoor facilities include a very large playing field, three playgrounds, a pond area, a friendship garden and a woodland area. We have a play dale and a timetabled football pitch. Inside we make full use of our two halls, a brand new library, a music room, a children's kitchen and various intervention and break out spaces. Our classrooms are large and spacious equipped with interactive white boards and are flooded with natural light.

Curriculum

At The Grove Primary school, the curriculum is designed to:

- Recognise children's prior learning
- Reflect the diverse cultures and creeds of Grove learners while igniting their interest in the wider world and all that it offers
- Motivate children to ask questions and seek answers
- Provide first hand learning experiences
- Allow the children to develop interpersonal skills
- Build resilience and become creative, critical thinkers

We aim high and promote high aspirations for every learner. Our curriculum challenges so that every child can achieve their very best. Our thematic units will nurture curious minds, stretch the imagination and provide opportunities for every child to discover their particular talents. Every day our children will grow in confidence as we celebrate success and support each other to reach new heights. Year by year, Grove children will acquire and apply knowledge and skills in every curriculum area so that they progress swiftly from their individual starting points and achieve to their full potential.

We teach English through text based units. Teachers carefully choose engaging, age appropriate and current texts which motivate and inspire learners. Using these texts children are taught to write for a range of different purposes and in different genres. Books and reading are celebrated at The Grove. Our new, well stocked library is both welcoming and inviting and children are given opportunities to use it to its full advantage. Children at The Grove read daily, both individually and in groups. Regular whole class reading sessions are taught on a weekly basis.

We take a mastery approach to teaching mathematics. Through the use of concrete, pictorial and abstract resources and approaches, basic skills are fully embedded so that children can progress confidently through the primary mathematics curriculum.

Phonics is taught in discrete daily sessions in reception and infant classes following the Letters and Sounds scheme. Phonics teaching is continued in junior classes when needed.



Trips

Each year group is encouraged to use the local area and outdoor environment to complement their wider curriculum. Local area trips are scattered throughout the year as well as at least one trip further afield. The visits are linked to the learning that is being done in class. Years four, five and six have the opportunity to go on annual residential trips. These residential build independence, offer opportunities for team work and challenge children outside of their normal school experiences.

Wrap around Care

There is a breakfast club from 7:30 until 8:45, as well as an after school club from 15:15 until 18:00. These are available to book termly or on an ad-hoc basis.

Clubs

The school offers a wide range of before, after and during school clubs. Clubs are either teacher run or led by specialist external providers. These include: taekwondo, athletics, football, netball, cooking, craft, choir, tag-rugby and dance. The clubs rotate each term so that different age groups are able to participate in the clubs.

PTA

The Grove has a very active PTA. 'Friends of The Grove' (FOG), organise and run many exciting events across the year for both pupils, parents and the wider local community. The money raised supports curriculum provision and has a significant positive impact for our children. Events include the circus, fireworks, quiz nights, story time with Santa, summer fair, discos, pop up sales, freezer pop Fridays and Easter egg hunts.

