

The Redfield Edge Primary School Curriculum.

What is a curriculum?

A curriculum is what pupils learn while at school. It is usually made up of skills and knowledge (Facts).

Do all primary schools in England have the same curriculum?

No. Schools which have converted to academy status, and free schools are permitted to design and deliver their own curriculum. All maintained schools, like Redfield Edge Primary School, have to deliver the national curriculum published in 1999. The link below will take you to a copy of the national curriculum.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/eOrderingDownload/QCA-99-457.pdf>

So, would all maintained schools teach the same things?

Yes and No. The national curriculum was designed to give schools a great deal of flexibility in what they teach. While each maintained school will cover the same programmes of study (pos) they can deliver them in very different ways.

What does Redfield Edge teach its pupils?

In 2010 Redfield Edge Primary School introduced a remodelled curriculum. This remodelled curriculum still covered all of the programmes of study (pos) in the national curriculum. The main change was the introduction of themes for each year group each term. For example in Year 5 in Term 1 the theme is 'The Power of Parliament'. The key skills of reading, writing, maths, group work and investigating and applying knowledge are core but they are taught within the framework of an overarching topic. This enables the learning to be scaffolded which helps pupils remember what they have learnt. It is also very motivating for pupils and provides a reason for learning new skills or improving skills already acquired. In the past two years Year 5 have visited the Houses of Parliament, studied the suffragette movement in England, studied Nelson Mandela's rise to power in South Africa and had a visit from the local MP and the Chair of South Gloucestershire Council, all as part of their Term 1 topic.

A copy of the themes each year group will cover over the academic year is available on the school website under each class. If you would like more information regarding the specific programmes of study being covered in each theme please make an appointment with the class teacher who will be more than happy to go over them in detail.