

# The Orchard



## *Inspiring Success*

*Respect    Courage    Determination*

### **Principles of our Curriculum, Learning and Teaching**

1. We believe in creating a stimulating learning environment that enables the child to develop an attitude of enquiry and independent learning.
2. We believe in promoting the 5Rs of Responsibility, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reasoning and Reflection.
3. We believe children should develop as active, involved learners rather than as passive learners.
4. We believe children should be taught knowledge and concepts through exciting, meaningful and purposeful contexts
4. We believe in identifying and assessing children's learning needs and using this information to inform careful planning and differentiation to ensure the children achieve identified learning objectives.
5. We believe that effective teaching is facilitated by reflection and discussion of policy and practice by teachers, support staff, governors and parents.
6. We believe in teaching a broad and balanced curriculum to which every child is entitled, regardless of race, gender, ability or background.
7. We have high expectations of all of the children in our school and believe in making these explicit to all of the children and adults in our school.

### **Characteristics of Learning at The Orchard**

- **Creating and thinking critically: Problem solving - using and applying skills**
- **Confidence to take risks and to be independent**
- **Collaboration**
- **Responsibility, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflection, Reasoning (5Rs)**
- **Exploring, Playing**
- **Active learning**
- **Tolerance and respect for others, their ideas and opinions**
- **Enthusiasm for learning**

**The learning tools and approaches we will use to develop these characteristics:**

National Curriculum    Foundation Stage framework    5 Rs!    Talk to Learn    Philosophy for Children    Fun Friends

