

Cultural Capital Offer

Our School aims for Cultural Capital:

At Hester's Way Primary School, we aim to provide a broad and balanced, well thought out and sequenced curriculum, so that children learn building on their prior knowledge. We aim to strengthen their knowledge, skills and understanding through teaching, learning and practise to enable retention. The 'Cultural Capital' opportunities and experiences that we provide will further develop the children's ability to make connections between the curriculum and knowledge of the world around them, as they navigate social and cultural expectations and awareness.

Our school vision "Aspire, Believe, Care and Achieve" and our values "Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience, Determination, Pride and Independence ", underpin our cultural capital work in in school. Children's positive behaviour, mental health and learning attitudes are supported through 'growth mindset' and 'purple learning zones and challenge' so that children are positive, resilient and confident learners throughout their lives. At our school, we will use our Pupil Premium Strategy to review our pupil needs, set targets and allocate funds to address cultural capital, as well as using other areas of the allocated budget.

What is Cultural Capital and why is it important?

'Cultural Capital' is the accumulation and connections of knowledge, skills, understanding and behaviours that a child gains through rich and sustained opportunities and experiences, that they can use to demonstrate their social and cultural awareness. A child will draw upon their cultural capital to be successful in society, in their career and future outcomes. Cultural capital gives a child social and cultural assets to support and help to give them the desire to "Aspire, Believe, Care and Achieve" to become successful, and to rise up the social ladder, from whatever starting point.

It has been evidenced that Pupil Premium or 'disadvantaged pupils' may not have the same opportunities or experiences in their wider lives to gain cultural capital. Schools have a responsibility to ensure that pupils do have these opportunities and experiences in order to build up their Cultural Capital, to avoid losing out to their more advantaged peers. The curriculum and school provision, including Personal Development (including physical and mental health), British Modern Values (BMV) and Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) development will inter weave a "golden thread" of opportunities, experiences and learning through the course of the pupil's time at our school.

As the child progresses through school, they should be able to retain, link, use, talk about, discuss, analyse, present and debate their cultural capital through a variety of curriculum subjects, as well as use and deploy the appropriate social and cultural knowledge, skills, understanding and behaviours, at the appropriate social and cultural times, depending on the audience and the need.

Ultimately, cultural capital is part of a child's education, that supports the drive to achieve and be successful in life, to be positive, active and participating citizens.





Ofsted - Cultural Capital

As part of making the judgement about the quality of education, inspectors will consider the extent to which schools are equipping pupils with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. Their understanding of 'knowledge and cultural capital' is derived from the following wording in the national curriculum: 'It is the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.'

Some children arrive at an early years setting with different experiences from others, in their learning and play. What a setting does, through the EYFS curriculum and interactions with practitioners potentially makes all the difference to children. It is the role of the setting to help the children experience the awe and wonder of the world in which they live, through the seven areas of learning.

Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that children need to prepare them for their future success. It is about giving children the best possible start to their early education. As part of making a judgment about the quality of education, inspectors will consider how well leaders use the curriculum to enhance the experience and opportunities available to children, particularly the most disadvantaged.

The statements above are taken from Ofsted's Education Inspection Framework.

Addressing Disadvantage and Equality for All

Ofsted shared in "Education inspection framework 2019: our rationale, and how it will work in practice":

Social justice

It is profoundly important to make sure that all pupils receive a high-quality education, built around an ambitious, well-designed and wellsequenced curriculum. This is a matter of social justice and equity, because it is the most disadvantaged children who are most likely to miss out on the things that a strong curriculum supplies. It is they who are more likely than their peers not to hear the rich vocabulary and encounter the concepts that this vocabulary communicates.

Cultural Capital Development and Networking

This document will serve as plan and 'live' document to record our activities and events, whilst we develop our "Cultural Capital Offer", in recovery from the Covid pandemic and educational safeguarding measures. It records events that we had done in the past and events that we would like to do in the future.





Cultural Capital Overview

Cultural Capital Activity	Purpose/Reason	Events	When/Who
Houses	Sense of pride in a TEAM and competitive collaboration Specific subject links: History and Geography	Year 6 House Captains House Meetings House Points House event days linked to school charities (4 a year max) Sporting Activities Visit house castles: Goodrich, Sudeley, Clearwell and Berkley	Vote in Y6 HC Autumn T1 Wk3 Short termly Marking and Feedback Policy Link to National Charity days; Houses organise and action events, collect and share funds Long termly 3 year rolling programme: once in KS1 and once in KS2 or each child visits all 4 castles in their primary school life
Community walks and experiences	Keep healthy in local environment Learn about and keep safe in local environment Links to GCC Travel Team and Play Rangers Specific subject links: PSHE, PE, Science, History and Geography	GCC Travel Team walks in the local community Countryside and wildlife walks e.g. Cleeve, Leckhampton, Crickley Hill and South Cerney PCSO to visit school to talk to children and gain feedback about their experiences in the local area Play Ranger park and other community events shared Safe park experiences and skills	Termly with different classes linked to theme subjects Identified classes visit surrounding hillsides weather dependent and based on theme subjects PCSO in school fortnightly; attend and lead assemblies short termly Contact Play Rangers for specific group work "Play2Nuture" when needed Promote community events for children to participate in extra-curricular, organised activities, when communicated
Intergenerational Project with Wentworth Court Dementia Residents Home and The Everyman Theatre	Create memories, experiences and mutual respect through collaborative activities such as art, song and dance ending with a final celebrative event	Weekly visits to Wentworth Court, planned activities by The Everyman Theatre shared with pupils and residents Final event	Summer Term – Year 1 in 2022, 2019, 2018 Summer Term 2023 – Year 3





Pates Grammar School Year 4 and Year 5 "Shaping Futures Programme" and links	Year 4 and 5 pupil premium, more-able pupils work with Year 12 mentors and complete a revision online programme to practise for their admissions test	Visit the school with parents for tour and meeting Regular Year 12 tutor meetings Online programme access Loan of HWPS school laptop Parental guidance about registration for admission Class visits to climbing wall	Year 5 2021-22 Year 4 and Year 5 2022-23 Short termly climbing wall visits Y1-Y6	
Forest School sessions from The Forest School Learning Initiative	Pupils across the school gain knowledge, skills and understanding about outdoor life and learning Pupils get to experience nature and wildlife in an urban setting	Weekly sessions for one term, rotated for classes to participate Reception Class can access weekly, all year round Forest School plans Safety Mindfulness Fruit scrumping and cooking Campfire Den building Cross curricular activities Identifying and names birds, trees and plants Birdwatch	Short termly rotation Y1 – Y6 Reception Class can access all year round	
Music lessons, opportunities and experiences	Children gain rhythm and musical knowledge, skills and understanding to support other learning areas such as language and literacy Children know the importance of music socially, spirituality and culturally to people	Class instrumental lessons Music days/experiences: Steel drums; Greek Performer Music/singing assemblies Listen to variety of music and composers on entry to the hall including classical Whole school, seasonal and modern songs Learn traditional hymns Choir; Young Voices	Years 1, 3, 5 long termly 10 week programmes Spring and summer term – drumming workshops Musicians and performers booked according to theme See Assembly timetable Composer and music genre cards on display in hall, weekly Weekly singing assemblies At least twice a short term Weekly – Young Voices	





		Visits to theatres, performances and events to see live	Pantomime – Autumn term 2; other performances according to themes	
		orchestras, e.g. Pantomime		
		Church charity singing CD "I	Two or three year rolling programme and dependent	
		Sing Pop"	on funding	
		Cheltenham music festival – in	Annually	
		the past wrote and performed		
		"Opera"		
English	Our pupils enter school on	Sound walks	Reception Class and Pre-School – Autumn Term	
Phonics	average, significantly well	Vocabulary prioritised and	Weekly as part of English and subject curriculum	
Language and	below the national average	taught at age related	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Literature	for communication, language	expectation and beyond		
	and literacy. Phonics,	Rhythm and rhyme – Rhyme of		
	language and vocabulary	the Week	Weekly – Reception Class and KS1	
	acquisition is key to pupil's	Diversity included in our school		
	being able to communicate	Reading Spine	Daily/Weekly/termly according to English curriculum	
	effectively and to a range of	Poems	and story time. Reviewed regularly; on school website	
	audiences. Pupils will be	Tradition Stories and Fairy Tales	Termly – see Talk for writing and reading curriculum	
	immersed in rhyme, poetry,	Alternative traditional stories –	overviews for poems and traditional stories	
	traditional, age related and	challenge stereotypes and		
	classical texts. Reading for	"happy ever after"		
	pleasure, authors,	Cheltenham Literature Festival		
	introductions to new books	Author visits and book signings	Annually	
	and library visits will be	Local library visits	At least two or three times a year	
	promoted and encouraged.	School summer reading	Short termly visits – each class rotate	
	Reading enables the	challenge	Summer term	
	attainment of knowledge in	Cheltenham library	A year group visit the library and take book token	
	all subject areas.	Visit a bookshop	from World Book Day and get book - March	
Sports including	Sports and activity not only	Move More activities and CPD	Sports Strategy and Sports Lead calendar	
swimming	essential for a healthy and	Cheltenham College swimming	Y3 and Y4 Autumn term and Y5 and Y6 Summer term	
	active life but it is also	lessons KS2		
	needed for children to learn	Sports days	Rec/KS1; Combine two classes x2 in Summer term	
	about working as a team,	Cheltenham Athletics	Summer term	
	competition – winning and	Cheltenham Dance Festival	Spring term	





	losing, gaining resilience and persevering. Sports and a healthy lifestyle supports positive mental health, making positive relationships and setting goals and aspirations. Pupil's who may not be as academically able may have a talent or skill in sports that could lead them to a career.	Funky Warehouse/Trampoline Trampolining Go Ape BMX experience at local special schools Skateboarding sessions Wheels days	Year 2 Year 6 Year 4 Year 5 Year 3 Rec and Year 1
Science including STEM	Cheltenham Festivals often offer our school reduced rates for our PP pupils. Science is a valuable, exciting and hands on subject. The subject lead is liaising with Cyber First Hub and other local schools to promote STEM.	Cheltenham Science Festival Local Science Project – assemblies and workshops GCC Life Bus Mobile Planetarium Virtual headset theme based Knex Challenge Cyber First Hub links and activities Secondary school Y4 and Y5 experiences - transition	Annually Annual workshop and assembly Annually Two or three year rolling programme Two or three year rolling programme Annual – Year 6 ASA secondary visits - annual
Healthy eating and cooking as part of Design and Technology	Healthy eating, budgeting, sourcing and cooking food are essential life skills. They are also good fund raising opportunities, as business projects.	Cookie Club – school business project Cooking sessions linked to class themes	Y1 – Y6 short termly Rotated across short terms one class per term; Reception Class planned in Summer term for tea party
Educational Visits	Educational visits are planned for each class. The children should experience a range of places, people, animals and environments in progressive order, over time. Every child	Park Farm Dinky Street (role-play) Supermarket Restaurant Cooking at local shops/eateries	Rec – Y6 local; Pittville Park Reception Class Year 1 Link to Design and Technology; cookery Year 3 Year 4 Year 5





	should experience these	Wildlife park	Year 2
	educational visits, so	Beach	A year group
	contributions are voluntary	Cheltenham town	(Library, book shop, festivals, local history, park)
	from parents. The visits will	Birmingham, Bristol and Wales –	
	link to the curriculum and the	experience diversity of cities and	
	developmental stage of the	language/accents	
	child.	London	
		Museum	
		Roman sites	
		Skill zone	
		Transport: buses, coaches,	
		trains, canal or boat trips and	
		visit transport places e.g. airport	
Educational Visitors	Visitors to school will enrich	Assembly visitors	Assembly timetable – regular Christian and
	the children's learning	Visitors to class – subject/	community-based visitors
	through the curriculum, child-	themed based paid and	
	led aspirations and talents. It	volunteers	
	may be easier for visitors to	Community based visitors	Local groups, business and agencies
	attend school and more	Stakeholders	Inspiring stakeholders
	children can access the	Careers or aspiration led visitors	As above
	information.		
Upper Key Stage 2	As children get older, they	Outdoor activities	Summer term – Croft Farm local residential camping
residential trip	should experience a night or	Camping	experience with water and outdoor activities
	two away from their		
	parent/carer to promote		
	independence and to make		
	memories with their primary		
	school friends learning new		
	and different activities which		
	promote team work, risk		
	taking and self-belief.		
School Council	Pupil's voice and contribution	Eco projects	School Council members voted in by their class,
	to the school and society is	Healthy School status work	following presentation as to why they should be
	invaluable. They often have		appointed





	relevant views and opinions on current affairs and making the world a better place. Pupil and FOHWPS to work together to fund child-led projects in school. School council to led the school in Eco Projects and work towards Healthy School status.	Work with Friends of Hester's Way to plan and action child-led school projects	Class meetings every month School Council meetings every month with a lead member of staff School Council and FOHWPS meet bi-annually to plan and action projects due to funding gained for school
Extra-curricular activities	Clubs enable children to mix with children from other year groups and ages. They can join something that interests them or that they would like to practise or get better in doing. Children can try a club and may find that they have a talent in this subject. They offer topics and alternatives to the more academic subjects.	Football Dance Balanceability Gardening Cookery Library – reading 11+ Club – Year 6 Dream Scheme – link with external agency Community links: homework club Other school links	See extra-curricular timetable
Personal Development	PD is the fundamental subject area. Positive behaviour and attitudes to learning must be in place before any child can learn and develop. At HWPS we pride ourselves on our pupil's amazing behaviour, attitude to learning and responses to our school's vision and values. We use pupil voice and needs to plan	Behaviour and learning attitudes Positive mindset Purple learning zone Rights of the Child Safeguarding and keep safe work School's vision and values PSHE Curriculum PINK Curriculum PD Lead links with GHLL Lead	Teach, review and reminders of behaviour policy at the start of every short term Class Charter start of Autumn term1 Positive mindset through assemblies, stories and class sessions Purple Learning zone taught and shared regularly as daily class practise Rights of the Child – assembly timetable Safeguarding and keep safe – assemblies and class Vision and values – assemblies and VMV profiles PSHE curriculum – sequenced over year and in place PINK curriculum used to support PSHE/assemblies





	and focus on priority areas of the curriculum.	Y4 and Y6 Pupil Well-being Surveys inform the PSHE	Pupil survey annual SRE & PH Y5 & Y6 summer term
		curriculum focuses SRE and personal hygiene	
Fundamental British Values	Children have a right to be heard, know their rights, feel safe to express an opinion, influence change and make safe choices. They need to learn about the importance of laws, including those that govern their class, school and the wider community, as well as consequences of breaking the law and rules. The majority of pupil's understand how to keep themselves safe.	Democracy: Council, voting and expressing views and opinions Communicating with MP Visit Parliament Skills Zone – court experience The Rule of Law: Behaviour Policy and work with PC Beat Officer/PCSO Individual Liberty: Rights of the Child, comparisons of lifestyles Mutual Respect: Behaviour Policy, PSHE and role models Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs: RE and PSHE	Assemblies School Council Democracy – educational visits; Skill Zone Behaviour Policy – short termly; whole school reward PCSO/PC Beat Officer work with Y6 Assembly NSPCC visitors and other children's organisations RE Curriculum, visits and visitors
Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Development Religious Education	We have a Cultural Corridor in school, we display children's work from RE and faith work. This area and an outdoor space will be developed to celebrate and show the work that will come from this area of Cultural Capital. These are important personal values that guide people to make the right choice and manage their feelings and actions in life.	Social: Behaviours in class and at play, relationships - PSHE Moral: Right and wrong, behaviour, good role models and scenarios- PSHE Spiritual: RE, faith, places of worship, non-religious faith, sensory experiences, mindfulness and meditation Create a sensory and spiritual place in school Cultural: Theatre and Ballet - music, dance, literature Cinema experience during National Film Festival week for schools	Behaviour Policy, assemblies and pupil voice. GHLL pupil survey – Y4+ Summer T1 PSHE and SRE curriculum Teaching staff and child leaders/ambassadors: learning, play, forest school, computing RE curriculum; RE visits and visitors – Interfaith week – Autumn T2. Visit variety of religious places: church, mosque, cathedral, temple. Recite 'The Lord's Prayer' Yoga – Reception and Year 1 FOHWPS and school council Educational Visits Cheltenham Festivals – Dance, Literature The Everyman Theatre – visits and links





Difference and	Our school demographic,	SEND assemblies	Assembly timetable
Diversity	historically has been made up	Visitors with disabilities to	
/	of a mainly British, white	inspire	
	population. Our EAL pupil	Penpals with group of children	
	admissions have increased	in similar yet different context	Explore with St Matthews; links with our schools such
	and are now nearly 30%. Our	EAL school development	as Dean Close
	children need to learn respect	Work with GARASS	EAL RAP
	and tolerance for all,	MfL – KS2	EAL pupil – short termly and parent meetings – long
	including how to	Basic language use in	termly
		assemblies, answering the	EAL Curriculum
		register and welcoming	Signage and communications around school
Roles and	Children rise to challenge of	Class jobs	Risk assessments – Reception/Y1 classes – indoor
responsibilities;	purpose, roles and	Safety inspectors	and outdoor areas
school ambassadors; play and peer	responsibilities. They are able to lead areas of the school	Play leaders Forest School Leaders	Playground – Upper KS2 apply for role; mediation with PST
leads/mentors	themselves and support each	Learning ambassadors	Forest School – one term a year; Y6 train to join
	other, with guidance and		other classes to lead
	support.		Curriculum Leads work with pupils to learn about the
			subject whole school e.g. learning walks, lead pupil voice, discuss work and lead assemblies
Life Skills	This is such an important	Roles and Responsibility	As above
	subject area for our children	Risk Assessment	
	to learn to be independent	Emergency Services	Emergency services visits and visitors; Skillzone
	and safe, as they perform	Forest School	Forest School timetable and plans
	daily tasks at school and at	Cooking: plan, cost, buy and	Design and Technology; Termly cook wth Catering
	home. It also forms part of	make a meal	Manager
	an 'enrichment' curriculum	Duke of Edinburgh	Look into DofE
	where talents and skills in	Enrichment	Activities during play and as in afternoon sessions
	other areas of a pupils life	Emergency First Aid	Year 6 – Summer T6
	can shine through.	Word processing – computing	Computing curriculum; extra curricular club
		Sewing/knitting	DT; Club
		Dining Etiquette	Lunchtimes; visit restaurant; assembly





		Gardening: growing organic	Each class has a gardening bed to maintain and grow
		food and knowing where it	food; scrumping in Autumn and making crumbles and
		comes from	pies; Food to Table – farm visits
		Balancibility	
		Cycling proficiency	
Art and Design	There is no 'wrong' outcome or mistakes to be made in art. Art can be a therapy and sensory pleasure to relax. Learning about art through the curriculum, enables children to gain access to cultural knowledge about	Artist visitors or on TEAMs Visit local art galleries Collaborative projects Communications with artists Share class/school art in the local community: doctors, dentist, other schools, Wentworth Court	Curriculum Overview links and assembly timetable Visits to Cheltenham, local and London galleries Local artists to talk to the children, paint murals and make art heritage for the school Art galleries to share pupil work with stakeholders and as permanent displays Each year group prepares some art to share with an external place, agency or business
	artists and their work. Art should be accessible and a discussion point for all.		
Competitions and	'Winning', 'Taking part',	Junior MasterChef – Cheltenham	Agree class and when
quizzes	'Losing' and being out of your	Food and Drink Festival	
	comfort zone, due to unexpected experiences or questions supports resilience and a competitive, aspirational character.	Talent show Sports in school and with other local schools	Summer term – whole school auditions and show Sports RAP and Strategy
Current Affairs	We all need to know about what is going on in the world around us and debate on topical events and views.	Newsround Assemblies Weather	At least once a week, KS2 watch Newsround during snack time to find out about national or international news Weather verbal reporting in Rec, Y1 and Y2 KS2 aware of clothing needs according to weather at play time Assembly timetable
Finance	The Maths Curriculum teaches the children about	Business projects linked to Design and Technology	Design and Technology curriculum overview
	recognising money, its value, how to calculate, reason and	School Council	FOHWPS and School Council meetings and collaboration



	School			
	Friends of Hester's Way work			
teach about savings, w	with children to plan, action and			
business, enterprise and links fu	und child-led projects	Banks in to visit upper KS2 children		
to careers and financial gain. Ba	Banks staff visit school to talk to			
It will benefit our pupils to ch	children about saving money			
learn about saving, investing M	Money management – link to			
and how to plan, resource M	Maths			
and create a business project, Le	essons about business,	Visits and visitors		
which will inform positive but	ousiness owners and			
money management.	entrepreneurs visit school			
Performances and A large part of Cultural H	Harvest Festival	Harvest Festival – Autumn T1		
oral presentations Capital gain is through the C	Christmas: Rec/KS1 Nativity;	Christmas Nativity/Performance – Autumn T2		
development and ability to K	<s2 singing<="" td=""><td>Weekly key stage and/or whole school singing</td></s2>	Weekly key stage and/or whole school singing		
communicate, verbalise and Ea	Easter	Spring T4		
debate thoughts and views.	Class assemblies	Spring and Summer terms		
Vocabulary will be taught and Ir	in school, informally and on			
verbal presentation, rehearsal st	stage in front of audience			
and debate practised, as this	Jse local theatre stage	Christmas and class performances		
improves, the child's U	Jpper Key Stage 2			
development of their pr	presentations, debate and	Assemblies and part of PSHE or other curriculum		
"Perseverance, Confidence, di	discussions	areas		
Resilience, Determination,				
Pride and Independence ",				
will in turn strengthen.				
Links to other local To use other schools C	Cheltenham College: Governor	Autumn and Summer terms		
schools resources and facilities lir	ink and swimming			
To promote and share the D	Dean Close: Use of Bacon	ТВА		
positive ethos and behaviours T	Theatre and activity days			
of our pupils C	Cluster groups: SENDCO, Maths			
Further develop positive H	Hub, Book Club, moderation			
	All Saint's Academy – transitions and events	Summer term; when invited		
		All year; admission test in September annually		

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		Pates Grammar School –	
		Shaping Futures Programme	
		and events	
Celebrations	The school, day, week and	Weekly celebration assembly	Assembly timetable
	year is full of learning, next	School behaviour rewards	Weekly 'marbles in the jar' – termly reward
	steps and areas for	Autumn and summer discos	
	development. It is important	Film afternoon/evening	
	to celebrate the successes	Year 6 Leaver's events and	Summer term
	and ensure that the school's	party	
	achievements are shared and	Social media – share successes	At least weekly, on Facebook, Twitter and new
	valued.	and pupil's work	Instagram accounts
Transitions	New beginnings, well-being,	Pre-school to school transitions	EYFS RAP – annual events and Summer term
	progression and positive	In-house class transitions	transition work
	relationships are all promoted	Secondary school transitions	Summer term – class swaps
	as part of our school's		Secondary school meetings and visits
	transition work.		Develop a transition policy and timetable
Careers	As well as encouraging and	Careers Fair	Summer T6 – Upper KS2 – whole school staff
	promoting further education	Visits and visitors	collaboration
	as a way into careers and		Planned visitors as part of the curriculum – always
	improving future outcomes,	Assemblies linked to aspirations	ask them what qualification they need to be a
	vocational and business	and job roles	firefighter, police officer, builder, nurse
	careers should be shared with	Linking the purpose of learning	Assemblies
	the children. This is so that	to careers: YES programme	Yes Programme used to show short films to connect
	they are more aware of their		curriculum learning to purpose and real-life
	choices, need for academic		experiences.
	success (especially in English		
	and Maths) and focus on		
	their skills and talents.		
Alumni	Many pupils have shared their	Past pupils share their learning	Page on new website format to share their history at
	learning journies and as a	journies and celebrate the	HWPS and achievements after secondary school.
	school we would like to	success of their education on	
	celebrate their successes, as	the school website.	Publicize on newsletter and social media.
	they have achieved degrees		
	at university, qualifications		





and attained jobs both in	
professional and business	
sectors.	

