



Cultural

Capital

2022-2024



What is 'Cultural Capital'?

“ 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.”

The national curriculum is just one element in the education of every child. There is time and space in the school day and in each week, term and year to range beyond the national curriculum specifications. The national curriculum provides an outline of core knowledge around which teachers can develop exciting and stimulating lessons to promote the development of pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills as part of the wider school curriculum.

Every state-funded school must offer a curriculum which is balanced and broadly based* and which:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society
- prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life

The school curriculum comprises all learning and other experiences that each school plans for its pupils. The national curriculum forms one part of the school curriculum.



Why is 'Cultural Capital' important for our children?

Every child and family who joins our setting will have their own knowledge and experiences that will link to their culture and wider family. This might include languages, beliefs, traditions, cultural and family heritage, interests, travel and work.

Research shows that when children and families' cultures are valued, both the child's experience of learning and progress can benefit.

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

Cultural capital gives power. It helps children achieve goals, become successful, and rise up the social ladder without necessarily having wealth or financial capital. Cultural capital is having assets that give children the desire to aspire and achieve social mobility whatever their starting point.

At Sir Alexander Fleming, children benefit from a flexible curriculum that builds on what they understand and know already. We believe that exposure, not only to culture but also to situations in which the children might not have previous experiences of, is of paramount importance to their ongoing successes.

Gradually widening children's experiences as they progress through school is an important step in providing rich and engaging learning across the curriculum. We plan carefully for children to have progressively richer experiences in nursery and beyond.

What is the 'Cultural Capital' offer at SAF?

Building experiences and knowledge by immersing children in the world around them.?

Caring for Animals



It was so lovely to be able to explore some of the habitats in the Hazels. The ponds were very popular and the first ever frog was spotted in our tyre ponds!

We will call it Nessy, as we didn't get a picture to show it to everyone- just like the Lochness Monster we now need evidence. 🐸





Celebrating different cultures, traditions and faiths



We looked for symbols in the church. All children noticed the crosses. Discussed the Christian symbol of the dove. Upon returning, we reflected on what we had learned today. "There were lots of crosses" Nyla. "Singing at church" Victoria. "She was baptised and she was a Christian after that" Haydn. "On the forehead" Bledion. "My uncle has got a bible, we see the Pastor, Pastor tells everybody, Jesus" Aaron. "She washed the baby" Arabella. We also discussed non-religious naming ceremonies. Well done everybody!



Church leader visit to year 2

Revd Dawn Taffinder came to speak to the year 2's on Monday about what it is like to be a church leader and how important her role is within the community.

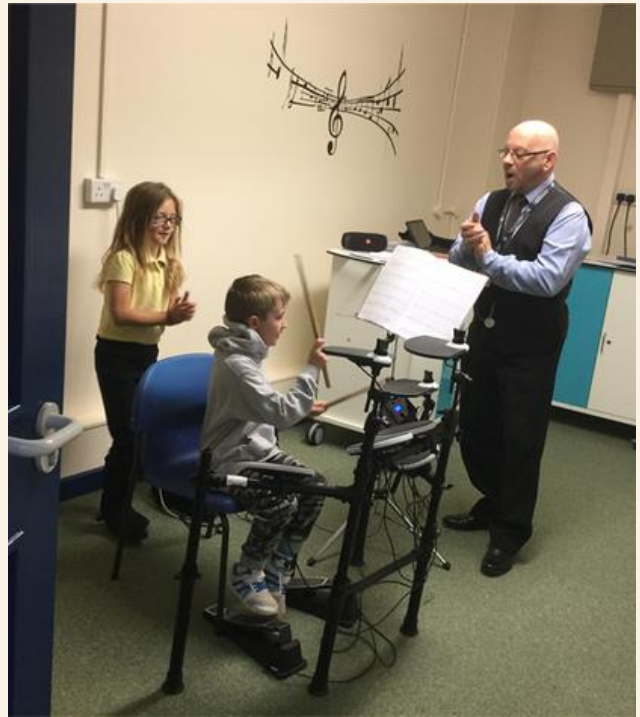


The children asked the vicar lots of thought-provoking and puzzling questions before learning a new song which is popular in Sutton Hill church.





Appreciation and love of music





Understanding how history has shaped our future





Working with our local policing team



School Community



Supporting our local community



Wednesday 22nd March

We Are Litter Pickers!



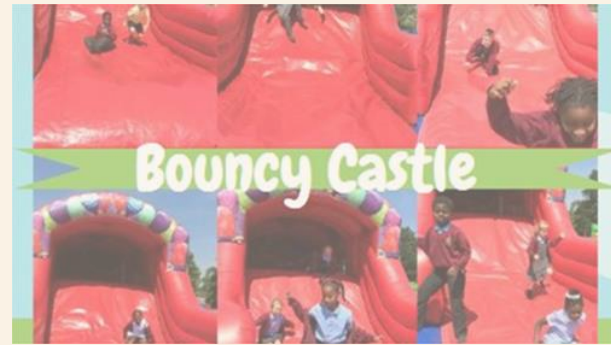
Outdoor Learning:

Today we took part in 'The Great British Spring Clean' along with Sam and Alison from Madeley Town Council. 28 pupils, from Miss Brown's class in Year 3, put their gloves on, picked up their litter pickers and went walking outside along the school perimeter to do their part and clean up any litter. The children filled 6 buckets of rubbish in just 1 hour and absolutely loved seeing the difference they could make. Well done to all involved- we are so proud of you!

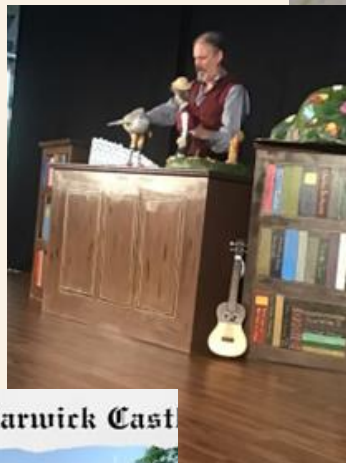
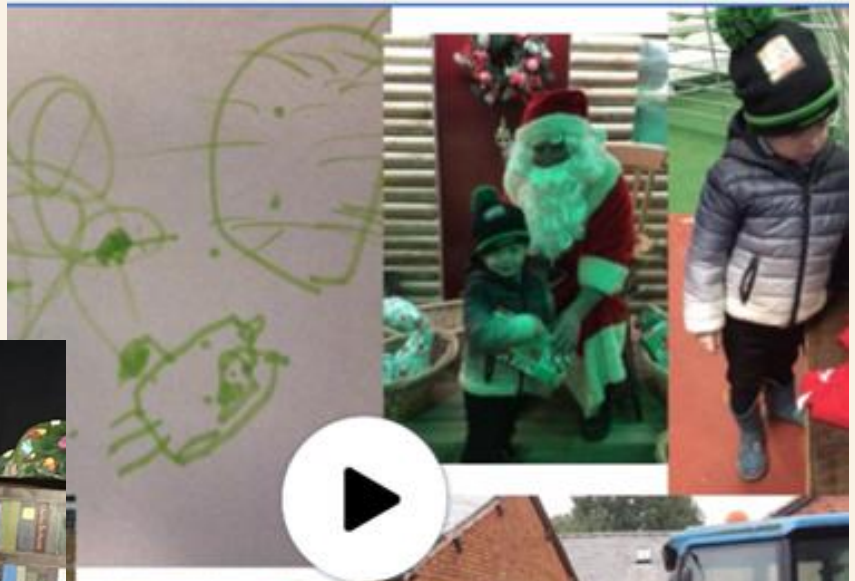
Well done to all
Sir Alexander Fleming
Primary School



A spot of healthy competition



Educational Visits



Warwick Cast



Year 2 enjoyed exploring Warwick castle
Our favourite part was meeting an archer
saying "oh la la" when he hit the target
We enjoyed finding out about how to attack
and defend a medieval castle and almost
lost in the maze.



Born to perform



Charity Events



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
8.45 - 10am

It has been so long since we have been together that we would be delighted if you could attend our Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 24th September.

There will be tea, coffee, juice and loads of cakes. It will give you a chance to catch-up with other parents over a cuppa and have a natter in our school hall.

All proceeds will go to the very worthy Macmillan Cancer Support.

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START YOUR
DAY RIGHT AT
BREAKFAST
CLUB



Food





Building Aspirations





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Pupil Voice





No such thing as bad weather!





Outdoor Learning

See our Outdoor Learning Page on the website



Our Allotment!!



A team effort!!

[Team winner \(primary\) / RHS Campaign for School Gardening](#)

RHS School Gardening Team of the Year 2023 (Primary)

Overall winner

Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School

Telford, Shropshire

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(Primary) Winner

About Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School

The whole-school gardening approach at Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School wowed the judges. With hard work, commitment and endless enthusiasm teacher John Ratcliffe, colleagues and the children have transformed their outdoor space into a diverse, beautiful garden with a no-dig wildlife meadow, future forest, bog garden, raised beds and wild corners.

"Watching our gardening endeavours grow, seeing them move from a small Nurture group provision to an inclusive whole-school initiative, has been such a heart-warming journey," explained John. "To see the importance to our children's wellbeing, to see their practical skills develop through direct experience, to see their attitudes to challenge change through their enthusiastic participation, growing self-confidence and resilience, brings a happy tear to my eye."

Judges' comments

"The children have an excellent understanding of the environment and what they are doing in the garden – a great sense of purpose. John is very engaged, and the children are too. The scale of involvement is impressive as is the sheer enthusiasm."



June 2023

RHS CAMPAIGN FOR
SCHOOL GARDENING

It is a great honour to be able to announce that our wonderful children have been crowned **RHS Primary School Gardening Team of the Year 2023 UK Champions**

Click on the photo to have a look at the news on the RHS site

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Click the link below,
June 2023, to read about our amazing news 😊



[Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School's entry video](#)



Enrichment

Enrichment Wednesday

What extra-curricular activities did we offer in Autumn 2021?

Science

Gardening

Book Making

Board Game

Cooking

Baking

Art

Heritage

Craft

Football



Dodgeball

Cycling

Netball

Choir

Coding

Gymnastics



In September 2021, we relaunched our after-school clubs and extra-curricular activities. Unfortunately, the uptake was low and the resilience of children to attend faded after a few weeks. We wanted ALL children to have the opportunity to access a range of activities that would enrich their lives and education at Sir Alexander Fleming.

So, in Spring 2022, we introduced Enrichment Wednesday! At 1.50pm ALL children from Year 2 to Year 6 come off timetable and move to their chosen activity until 2.45pm. All children participate and all adults participate. Our children need to develop their resilience and stick with an activity / club for the term.

Activities on offer...

Girl's Football
Boy's Football
Netball
Multi-sports
Cross country
School News
Debating
Computing
Coding
Art

Crafts
Painting
Origami
Singing
Yoga
Board games
Hiking





After-School Clubs

Coming Soon