

Brackensdale Infant School

Preparing children for life in modern day Britain

At Brackensdale Infant School, we have high aspirations for each of our pupils regardless of their backgrounds, individual skills or talents.

We believe that all children can contribute positively in their own lives as a child and in the future as a responsible, confident and skilled learner with the desire to play an active role in society. We seek to achieve this by:-

- Teaching children to be literate and numerate to the highest possible standard and to be able to transfer these skills into problem solving and to a range of real life experiences, eg. through meaningful teaching & learning activities and role play.
- Embracing the use of modern technology, eg. ICT, as well as traditional methods of learning.
- Teaching the importance of keeping safe and engaging in a healthy lifestyle, eg. all pupils in nursery and reception participate in the Physical Literacy Programme, and there are opportunities for outdoor learning wherever possible.
- Teaching children to recognise the importance of the arts and creativity. The whole school visits Derby's Guildhall annually for a Christmas theatre production. Artists and musicians are invited into school for children to participate in workshops.
- Promoting an appreciation of history and human endeavour. The children learn about famous characters in history and last year visited Bolsover Castle as part of their topic.
- Teaching the importance of individual effort and also the contribution which can be made within teams. Children regularly engage in individual and group tasks, where pupils work together to solve problems.
- Promoting positive attitudes towards to lifelong learning and the desire to succeed, eg. By regularly communicating to pupils the necessary skills and attitudes which they need to adopt to achieve learning intentions in lessons. The "Good Learning" assembly builds on this using the Learning Powers of: Resilience, Reflective, Reciprocity and Resourceful.