Our aim is to provide our children with an engaging, exciting and empowering curriculum that equips them for today and tomorrow.

At St. James’ Catholic Primary School our bespoke knowledge-based curriculum is designed with children at the heart with pupil voice being paramount. We offer rich and vibrant learning opportunities which are ambitious for all learners. Our intent is to develop the essential knowledge, skills and understanding which are the building blocks for later life. We recognise children’s prior learning and always strive to build on this so that they make the best possible progress. In order to build resilience and become creative, critical thinkers we continually provide first hand learning experiences which allow the children to develop their problem solving and interpersonal skills. Furthermore, so that learning sticks, teachers use metacognition teaching techniques so that knowledge is embedded for life and can be applied and utilised as they grow.

We constantly provide enrichment opportunities to engage learning. We believe that childhood should be a happy, investigative and enquiring time, where there are no limits to curiosity and there is a thirst for new experiences and knowledge.

Every child is recognised as unique – we celebrate and welcome diversity and individuality. Specific needs and learning styles are catered for with an individual approach which suits each child ensuring they reach their full potential.

Cultural and ethical differences are celebrated from the very beginning of a child’s learning journey and respect for others is instilled from an early age. The importance of black lives and their influence on the world today is threaded throughout the curriculum with the intention of children having a deep understanding of the importance of cultural diversity and equality within the world they live.

We use our gospel values of: love, respect, forgiveness and compassion alongside British values to promote positive attitudes to learning which reflect the skills needed to promote responsibility for learning and future success. Community involvement is an integral part of our curriculum, inviting families and visitors to facilitate learning new skills and sharing experiences such as assemblies, collective worships and whole school events ensures links are fostered and nurtured.

Our intention is that children leave St James’ with a strong sense of belonging to a tightly knit family where they aspire to make decisions, self-evaluate and become lifelong learners. Children truly do become part of the loving family of St. James’.