

Speenhamland School

2023 - 2024



WE ASPIRE

WE CHALLENGE

WE SUPPORT





At Speenhamland, we have high expectations for all of our pupils and a relentless drive towards excellence; encouraging the children to be the best they can be. We understand that all children come to us at different starting points. We work hard in school, and in partnership with you as a family, to ensure that your children reach their potential. Our school values; resilience, respect, responsibility, resourcefulness and risk-taking underpin all teaching and learning across our school.

We pride ourselves on providing an exciting curriculum which is knowledge focused and progressive. Wherever possible, learning is linked to a theme, which provides children with greater opportunities to question their understanding and build on their knowledge. We strive to provide rich learning experiences for our pupils through visits out of school, visitors into the classroom and other enjoyable educational experiences.

A focus on early reading is important to us. We want our young children to develop the fluency and skills to become confident, enthusiastic readers able to access the full curriculum. We use a range of engaging texts throughout the school to strengthen the teaching of English skills, including those of composition and comprehension with a context.

We are an inclusive school, where children are nurtured and supported, to ensure that their individual needs are met. We have a team of dedicated teachers and teaching assistants who ensure the needs of those learners with additional needs are fulfilled.

The Keevill Unit is the Local Authority's Physically Disabled Resource, which provides education and care for 10 pupils with an EHCP.

We ensure that we make the best of our links within the Newbury Academy Trust, for example using their

laboratories during science week and participating in debating competitions. In addition, we have utilised other opportunities such as participating in gifted and talented masterclasses.

At Speenhamland, we are proud of our "Learning Beyond the Curriculum" provision. Each term, we offer a huge variety of extra-curricular clubs including sports, wildlife, art and performing arts. We encourage our children to play an active part in our school the wider community through sporting fixtures, House Charity Days, and various local and national competitions.

We have high expectations of behaviour across the school. When children join us, they are assigned to a House; Laal, Verde, Azul and Zolty. During the week, hard work and effort are rewarded with Dragon's Eggs, which contribute to a weekly total, with the winning House being announced weekly. In addition, classes work collaboratively towards Golden Dragon's Eggs, which are awarded for group effort.

The views of our pupils are important to us and there are many pupil leadership and responsibility roles. Across the school, representatives are chosen by their peers to sit on the School Council. This group is consulted on key issues and provide the pupil body with a voice. We also have Pupil Ambassadors, Librarians, Peer Mentors, House and Sports Captains.

We understand that for many families there is a need for excellent childcare before and beyond the school day. We provide this at our Dragon Club. This is led and managed by our staff so they know the children well. Children can play games, join in activities or do homework during the sessions. We also run a Holiday Club should parents wish to access it.





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