Curriculum Enrichment

At Mildmay Primary School we believe in the value of an enriched curriculum that goes beyond the expectations of the National Curriculum.

We feel it is important for children, no matter what their background, to try new and varied activities that enhance their experience at our school.

All children at Mildmay Primary School benefit from enrichment activities across each academic year. These opportunities allow children to look at a subject more deeply, explore and discover new interests, develop character, build resilience and improve motivation. An enriched curriculum helps provide children with a rounded, culturally rich education through activities that enhance their learning and experience**.**

As indicated in our vision statement…

"Growing, caring and learning together; meeting challenges, making the most of opportunities and enjoying the journey."

…we believe that school is about so much more than just learning how to read, write and do maths. We endeavour to provide our pupils with opportunities that they may not have exposure to in everyday life and to realise new passions, strengths and talents.

Providing an engaging and enriched curriculum in school is a necessary component for ensuring a well-rounded education.

Our enrichment offer is carefully designed around the five key areas identified within the Enrichment Framework for Schools and Colleges:

- **Arts and Culture**
- **Sport and Physical Activity**
- **Nature, Outdoors and Adventure**
- **Civic Engagement**
- **Wider Life Skills**

Arts and Culture

We believe that creativity, self-expression and cultural understanding are essential elements of a well-rounded education. Pupils regularly engage in:

- Musical performances, singing and Sign & Sing Choirs
- Year group productions and celebrations
- The annual *Mildmay's Got Talent* showcase
- World Book Day and author visits
- Themed curriculum days, including historical, cultural and language experiences

- Creative arts workshops, performances and festivals

These opportunities help children develop confidence, communication skills and an appreciation of the diverse world around them.

Sports and Physical Activity

As a Gold School Games school and member of the Chelmsford Schools Sports Partnership, we provide a wide range of opportunities for children to participate in physical activity, competition and leadership.

Pupils have access to sporting experiences including football, netball, athletics, cross-country, tennis, hockey, archery, Boccia, curling and many other inclusive sporting events. Through sport, children develop teamwork, determination, resilience and a lifelong understanding of healthy lifestyles.

Nature Outdoors and Adventure

We recognise the importance of learning beyond the classroom. Educational visits, outdoor learning experiences and residential opportunities help bring the curriculum to life while fostering independence, curiosity and resilience.

Every year group participates in educational visits that enrich classroom learning, while our Year 6 residential provides memorable opportunities for teamwork, leadership and personal growth. Visitors and specialist workshops further enhance children's understanding of the wider world.

Civic Engagement

We encourage children to become active, responsible citizens who contribute positively to their communities.

Pupils are provided with meaningful opportunities to:

- Participating in School Council and pupil leadership roles
- Engage in community and charitable projects
- Support local and national charities
- Complete the Bridge Academy Trust Community Award
- Develop democratic understanding through Votes for Schools
- Take part in fundraising initiatives led by pupils and our wider school community

These experiences help children understand the value of kindness, responsibility, service and social action.

Wider Life Skills

Preparing children for future success is a key part of our enrichment offer. Alongside academic learning, pupils develop essential life skills through:

- Oracy and communication development
- Learning British Sign Language
- Self-regulation and wellbeing education
- Online safety and digital citizenship
- Road and fire safety awareness
- Bikeability programmes
- Transition activities
- Assemblies and workshops focused on personal development and current affairs

These experiences help children develop confidence, resilience and the knowledge needed to thrive in modern society.

Inclusion Through British Sign Language

As the home of a Resource Base for Deaf Children, inclusion is central to our enrichment programme. All pupils learn British Sign Language (BSL), helping to create a school community where different forms of communication are valued and celebrated.

Our deaf pupils learn alongside their hearing peers, supported by specialist staff, while BSL is embedded throughout school life, assemblies, performances and events. This enables all children to develop empathy, understanding and respect for others.

Working Together

Many of our enrichment opportunities are enhanced through partnerships with families, community organisations, local businesses, charities and our dedicated Friends of Mildmay Primary School (FOMPS). Together, we provide experiences that inspire curiosity, nurture talents and create lasting memories.

At Mildmay Primary School, we believe that enrichment is not an addition to education; it is an essential part of it. Through a broad range of experiences across the arts, sport, outdoor learning, civic engagement and life skills, we ensure that every child has the opportunity to flourish both in school and beyond.