



CRACKLEY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Care Belief Pride Success

At Crackley Bank Primary School we aim for all our children to:

- Develop inquisitive minds, a spirit of curiosity and a passion for learning
- Be equipped with the skills to fully participate in an ever changing world
- Be respectful and productive members of the community
- Have high expectations and self-belief to enable them to fulfil their potential
- Reflect on their learning and seek to extend themselves mentally, physically and spiritually
- Uphold the British Values of the school whilst respecting their own cultures and beliefs and those of other people
- Persevere and learn from their mistakes
- Develop an understanding and respect for the environment and our community
- Have the courage and confidence to take calculated risks

Our curriculum is planned around our termly Learning Focus that is designed to address the local, national and global issues that affect and influence our children as they grow into productive and contributing members of our global society. We put a great emphasis on understanding and appreciating our mining heritage as well as the other community influences that make Crackley Bank the place that it is. Our curriculum is planned to be not only educational, but also enjoyable for both pupils and staff and the school day is carefully planned to ensure children gain maximum benefit through an exciting curriculum and other extra-curricular activities and as a result, our lessons are alive with challenge and involvement for all. Children demonstrate an interest and a keen approach to learning and contributing in all areas and through the School Council and Eco-council pupils have a voice that is heard. Enrichment Visits are arranged for all classes to enhance our curriculum. There are also opportunities for children to take part in residential visits in Year 2, 4 and 6.

We believe that the foundation stones to a successful education lie in the acquisition of basic skills. Without these skills, children will not make the educational progress that is expected of them. At Crackley Bank Primary School, we place great emphasis on learning basic skills. Children will be taught and expected to learn number bonds and times tables, as well as calculation methods for the four rules of number. In reading, children will be taught phonics through the use of the Read Write Inc programme, basic spelling rules and reading skills. Our

reading scheme for Early Years and Key stage 1 is Oxford Reading Tree which provides a variety of texts to challenge the pupils and in Key Stage 2 pupils move to our Accelerated Reading Scheme. Our aim is that when pupils leave Year Six, they will be highly numerate and literate, with a real joy for learning.

Computing is also central to the curriculum and is integrated into a range of subjects. The school is well resourced with Interactive Whiteboards in all teaching rooms, which allows us to create visually stimulating lessons and greater opportunities for interactive learning. In addition, the school has class sets of laptops to be used.

Embedded in our curriculum as a way of nurturing children to access basic skills through different learning styles as well as challenging themselves further in different areas, are the Arts. The children take part in regular PE/dance, art, technology, music and drama lessons as part of our creative curriculum.

We are extremely fortunate that our staff value the contribution made by other activities beyond the classroom. As a result, a range of extra-curricular clubs and activities are offered after school and at lunchtime. These range from sports clubs, such as Netball, dance, and football, to drama, choir and Art based clubs. In addition, a range of educational experiences also support our school curriculum.