# Coppice Valley



July 2024

a year filled with learning,

growth, and unforgettable

experiences!

## **Quality of Education**





We have refined our curriculum this year and we have a developed Curriculum Handbook which outlines our Coppice Valley pedagogy for each subject. This will be made available on our website next academic year.

We have included some curriculum highlights below.

**Geography:** We have updated our unit plans and we now have two new themes of 'Cultural Awareness and Diversity' (Key Stage 1 and 2) and 'Environmental Impact and Sustainable Development' (Key Stage 2). These changes are in response to our commitment to providing a comprehensive and relevant education that prepares pupils to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

**Science:** We have reviewed our science curriculum to ensure that it engages the children's curiosity and develops their 'science capital' through enquiry-led learning. This means that we intentionally develop specific knowledge and experiences. This is how we ensure children are engaged and confident, helping them to make informed decisions about their physical and mental wellbeing and to take care of our planet.

**Music:** Our updated curriculum now means that children further progress their skills in listening, composing and performing. This has helped children to speak more 'musically' when describing a piece of music. It has also given staff greater confidence in delivering music lessons. We have bought new instruments to support the delivery of music, including glockenspiels, triangles, claves, egg shakers and a class set of percussion instruments.

### Reading



#### KS2 Reading Scheme

At Coppice, we have developed our own KS2 reading scheme. We have curated a collection of texts, using research to 'level' bookshop books. This means that our reading scheme has high-interest and high-quality texts, rather than typical reading scheme books. Teachers are clear on how to support pupils to select appropriate texts, considering both the interest level and word level.

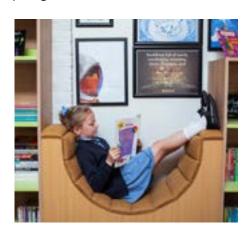




#### **New Phonics Scheme**

Our mission is to nurture confident readers who find joy in the world of books. This year, we've implemented a new phonics programme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, designed to support our children, based on the latest research in early reading education. It provides ongoing professional development for our dedicated staff, and ensures our children have access to high quality

learning materials, including hundreds of diverse, decodable books tailored to match each child's phonics progression.



#### **Our Libraries**

We have two libraries - one for KS1 and one for KS2. This year we have invested in hundreds of new, high-quality fiction and non-fiction texts. We used children's feedback to stock our library shelves, as well as creating class libraries which are for year group and teacher recommended reads.

The books are now set out in categories and themes, allowing children to easily select books and develop their love of reading. Through this, we also have a new relationship with our local bookshop 'Imagined Things'.

## **Outdoor Learning**



### Personal Development



Our 'Personal Development' curriculum is how our children acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives now and in the future. We link events to our three values of being Brave, Kind and Curious.

In 2023-24, we planned and took part in the following events, promoting our three values.



Around the World Day
LIFE SKILLS DAY



World Book Day

Art Week



YORKSHIRE ROTTERS & PHUNKY FOODS WORKSHOPS



After school dubs

RMS &gg Gompetition
5 Family Breakfasts



Red Kit e Yout h Council

**YOUNG VOICES** 

HARROGATE TOWN DIVERSITY COMPETITION

### **Our Community**





#### **Community Hub**

This year, we proudly launched our Community Hub — a dedicated space for our families and the wider community to access essential support and resources. Thanks to grant funding and proceeds from our clothes bank, we've been able to establish and sustain this initiative.

The Hub offers a range of support services, including:

Community Pantry: Stocked with essential food items and toiletries.

**Family Resources**: Providing winter coats, bedding, and pre-loved school uniforms.

Information and Support: Guidance on school support for pupils and families, as well as information on local support services.

We've also forged valuable partnerships with local organisations like Harrogate Library and Brimham's Active to enhance our offerings.

To celebrate the launch of our Community Hub, we hosted a successful Friday Night Curry Club event, bringing our community together in a spirit of camaraderie and support.

#### **Workshops and Community Partners**

We proudly hosted three successful parent/child workshops in collaboration with our community partners, strengthening our commitment to family engagement and education.

These included:

- Healthy Food Workshop
- Slow Cooker Workshop (families were gifted the slow cooker)
- E-Safety Presentation (from our local PCSO)



### Sustainability





This year, we have: extended our composting, adapted to changes in waste removal, reduced our school food waste, and learnt about food waste through Harrogate Rotters.

Next year, we are working towards further educating our pupils on dry, mixed recycling to continue developing habits for life.









At Coppice, sustainability encompasses two key aspects: educating our children about sustainable living and providing long-term, sustainable solutions.

We offer pre-loved uniforms and sustainable solutions to families. The funds raised from our clothes bank now support our Community Hub, ensuring that we give back to our community and create a sustainable cycle.



## School Trips



Year 3 & 4 Bushcraft Residential

Whole-School Panto

Y5 Giggling Squid

Singing at Christmas Markets

Harrogate Christmas Concert

**Young Voices** 

Y1 & 2 Sleepover

**EYFS Born of the Forest** 

Y1 Sculpture Park

**Y6 Crucial Crew** 

Y4 Mercer Art Gallery

**Y3 Mercer Art Galley** 

**Y4** Fountains Abbey

















### Productions



#### **Year 6 Production**

This year also saw the return of the Year 6 production.

Our Year 6 students wowed us with their impressive production of "Jill and Fred's Most Hysterical, Historical Adventure", in collaboration with Harrogate Theatre.

However, we are in need of a new stage! Our current stage, consisting of only nine blocks, left our oldest performers feeling a bit squashed!

## **Sporting Events**

NY Girls' Football League

Mixed & Girls' Football Tournaments

**Future Lionesses** 

**HTFC Player Visits** 

**HTFC Diversity Competition Winner: Flo** 

**Netball4All Sessions** 

**Karate Sessions** 

Northern Ballet

'Balanceability' Sessions

NY 'Bikeability'

**Panathlon** 

**Dance Competition** 

**Red Kite Olympics** 

**Brownlee Mini Triathlon** 

**Born to Move Sessions** 

**Sports Day** 

**Golf Sessions** 

**Play Leaders** 















#### Awards 2023-24



Our awards are not a bolt-on to what we do, but a way for us to ensure that we are aligned with our values.

When we work to achieve an award, it motivates pupils and staff whilst helping us to build partnerships with our local community and national accreditors.

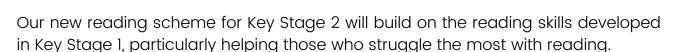


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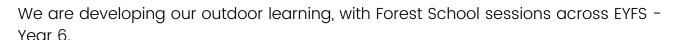


#### **Quality of Education**

We are improving how we assess pupils in foundation subjects, to provide better feedback and improve both their knowledge and learning experiences.



We will adopt research-based practices to improve pupil learning outcomes and teaching effectiveness as pupils transition from the EYFS Framework to National Curriculum, with a focus on speech and language development.











#### **Empowering our Pupils**

We will teach children a common set of words to describe their emotions and thinking processes, helping them better manage their reactions to different situations.

We will introduce constructive activities during playtime to help children build strong friendships and encourage good behaviour.

We will prioritise teaching children about online safety and responsible risk-taking to ensure they can safely apply what they learn at school, when they are at home.





















## Coppice Valley 2023-24



