

Key Stage 1

At Hillside Specialist School and College we have one main pathway in Key Stage 1 – the Semi-formal Curriculum. Where a pupil is working a different level to that of their peers, they may need to follow the Creative Curriculum; this is done on an individual basis and linked in closely with the themes and topics of the rest of the class.

KS1 Semi-Formal Curriculum

Intent:

To prepare pupils for the start of their academic journey at school, to teach them the skills they need to access the curriculum and achieve their full potential. To develop independence and self-help skills and to be able to make meaningful links with the world they live in and develop a sense of belonging with their school and wider community. To provide a broad and balanced curriculum highly differentiated to individual need, to ensure that pupils learn to their full potential.

Implementation:

At Key Stage 1, a theme or topic is provided, along with suggested learning areas. These topics link with the KS1 national curriculum where possible and the following areas provide a broad and balanced curriculum, and coverage of all subjects happens throughout each academic year:

Maths, My Art, My Drama, My Communication, My Independence, My Dance, My Music, My Thinking and Problem Solving, My Physical Wellbeing, The World About Me.

Multi-sensory lessons, varied teaching approaches and individualised activities ensures all pupils are engaged and making individual progress. Pupil progress is tracked through their PLPS and through the Pupil Centred Assessments in a holistic way, and learning follows the pupil's interests. BSquared is used to summatively assess pupils at the end of the academic year, and the steps and targets in Bsquared can be used formatively by teachers in setting pupils' individual short-term outcomes and PLP targets. Pupils working at Step 8/ P5 Bsquared and below will also be assessed using the Engagement Model. Pupils working at Step 8/P5 Bsquared and above will be assessed using the Pre-Key Stage standards at the end of Year 2.

Impact:

Pupils make good progress across a variety of topics and themes, from their individual starting points.

Pupils are making good progress towards their individual ECHP Outcomes.

Pupils are given the best start to their time in school, and learn the skills needed to access the wider curriculum

Cognition and Learning	Communication and Interaction	Independent Life and Social Skills	Sensory and Physical
My Thinking and	Speaking and Listening	PSHE	The Zones of Regulation
Problem Solving	Communication Aids-	Cooking and Food	Sensory Circuits
Numeracy	Theme boards,	preparation	TAC PAC
Literacy	Communication book, PECS, Objects of	My Independence	Outdoor education
Science	Reference etc	Communication Aids-	Art
Computing	Intensive Interaction	Theme boards, Communication book,	My Play and Leisure
The Word About Me	SaLT	PECS, Objects of	
(links with Humanities)	My Drama	Reference etc	My Physical Wellbeing
Technology	My Music	Trips and visits into the	My Dance
	Attention Autism	community	Sensory Diets
	Phonics		
	Pre reading/reading		
	My Communication		