



2022—2023

RECEPTION & YEAR 1

Dear Parent,

At Auckland College we have always placed enrichment at the heart of everything we do to ensure that every child develops to their full potential, both academically and personally.

We are proud that our Outstanding 2019 Ofsted report stated that "Pupils really enjoy the enriched curriculum which provides so many different opportunities, such as projects on sensory science and dances across the world."

We continue to strive to offer the broadest range of topics that we can, and our Enhanced Curriculum provision helps us to do this.

It is important to us, therefore, that our curriculum continues to enhance our formal academic programme and provide a complete education experience for your child.

In relation to our Enhanced Curriculum, the 2019 Ofsted report also stated that "**The aim is to widen pupils' intellectual experience, improve research skills and inspire them.**"

For Reception to Year 1 pupils the following options will be available during the year 2022—2023:

As last years' programme was such a success we have decided to keep most of the activities, but will adapt their content for the 2022 – 2023 academic year to ensure they remain engaging and interesting for your child. The activities include a series of projects, which will further broaden pupils' experiences. They embrace four key ideas. These objectives are to:

- Widen pupils' intellectual experiences
- Improve independent learning skills
- To inspire learning within pupils
- Offer them the opportunity to study a variety of options of their choice in something they would not experience under the national curriculum.

Each project is designed to incorporate the investigation of cross- curricular academic subjects, with key skills, creativity, and a community approach. Where applicable, the outcome of each project is a display of both the end result, and the work leading up to it.

The projects link to all core subjects; Literacy, Numeracy and Science. They incorporate skill development in areas such as: dexterity, self-discipline, team work, creativity and singing.

There is also a wealth of choice. Pupils will opt for up to 6 different projects over the course of the year. They will have a choice of at least four options each time.

It is important to note, however, that due consideration must be made for group numbers, and places on any of the courses are limited and cannot be guaranteed, although we will continue to endeavour to place pupils in the options they have requested as far as possible. Places will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis.

Below are examples of the activities we deliver across our Enhanced Curriculum for our Pre-prep pupils. Your child's specific Year-Group choices will be sent via a Google Form for you to choose at the start of each academic year or in the event of a change of activity part-way through the academic year.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AND FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Food preparation has become one of our most popular Enhanced Curriculum choices and in previous years we have focussed our food preparation classes on baking, however this year we have decided to combine this with children's literature.



In the classes children will learn to:

- Take precautions, such as wearing aprons and making sure the food surfaces are clean.
- Explore different traditional tales and then create the food element from the story
- Develop team-work and taking turns with various tasks
- Think for themselves, and be creative, trying new and exciting flavor combinations and seeing what works and what doesn't. (The best cooks are those who have the courage to experiment.)
- Understand food hygiene rules.

We believe children's literature plays a crucial part in children's education as it provides knowledge and entertainment.

Children's literature and storytelling is helpful in promoting children's global development and well-being; hence we have decided to

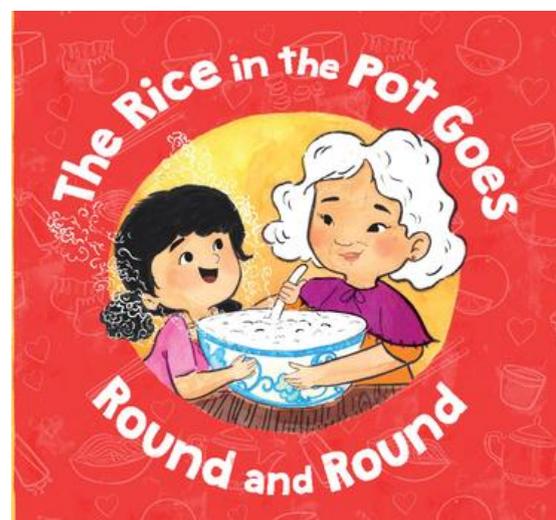
include this in our Enhanced Curriculum programme this term.

Reading or listening to tales, impacts on young generations, empowering and preparing them for the future. Since culture is crucial for learning, stories have a fundamental part in shaping individual's role in the society.

From an educational point of view, storybooks can provide children with new information about the world, enrich vocabulary and enhance specific language skills, nurturing communication between the storyteller and the listeners.



Children's Literature encourages children to communicate with others, by sharing their thoughts and feelings about the story. Children engage with the attitudes and opinions expressed by the author or the characters. This helps children to develop their sense of self, their moral code, and their understanding of the world.



PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts is another of our most popular topics. Learning how to sing, dance and act, all at the same time whilst gaining confidence, learning about the acting industry and making new friends. In learning Performing Arts, we aim for your child to experience a variety of fun situations where they can have plenty of opportunities to develop the important early skills, such as:

- Pretending
- Social play
- Social interaction
- Language development
- Imagination
- Self-esteem



They will do this through: games; role-play; paired and group tasks; the use of props, and acting out scenes from familiar stories.



CRAZY SCIENCE

This is one of our pupils' favourite Enhanced Curriculum topics and as such, is being included again. The children will be learning to explore fun and easy science experiments. We want to allow the children to explore, enjoy the world of science, and think scientifically.

The science experiments will range from general investigations which involve conducting fair tests and using various objects to complete the experiment, to experiments where children can try food-related science experiments which can be done using simple everyday ingredients.

The benefits of children participating in science and nature activities are:

- Children learn by experiment - in this way, scientific thinking techniques will be learned.
- Improves children's observation skills - children learn how to analyse and synthesize.
- Children will gain knowledge of the tools and materials used in daily life and their qualities.

Activities related to science not only help children develop correct thinking methods but also help them succeed in school lessons.

Science activities, which strengthen children's curiosity, enable children to develop questions as well as helping them to increase their desire to learn and positively contribute to children's learning and development in terms of language and concept skills.



NATURE WEAVING



Children will love using a variety of natural objects, such as fallen leaves, twigs, petals and foliage to make their very own nature weaving collage.

The fun weaving activities provided as part of this topic will develop children's dexterity and coordination, as the children weave their natural objects in and out of the strings on the loom.



Nature Weaving is a great way to develop children's creativity and explore texture and colours.