

Cultural Capital Experiences



In addition to the National Curriculum, Shottermill Junior School has identified the following **unique learning experiences**, which form an integral part of the **core offer** offered to children as they progress through our school. The School Curriculum is underpinned by our **Core Values** and is designed to meet the needs of all our children in relation to their **spiritual, moral, social, cultural and emotional development**. Our aim is to ensure that we develop the whole child, whilst maintaining the highest standards of academic achievement.

Respect	Trust	Love of Learning	Communication	Creativity	Excellence
Daily Act of Collective Worship or Reflection Time There is a daily act of worship where children come together to explore a spiritual, moral or cultural theme. Visiting speakers enhance this experience. We also ensure children learn about historic events and global issues (e.g. through watching Newsround).	Transition Projects We have developed a range of transition activities to help provide children with a confident, successful start in Year 3. Similarly, we work hard to fully prepare children for their next stages of learning in Year 7. Extra visits take place so children get to know key adults and their new environment.	Extra- Curricular Activities (ECAs) This is an opportunity provided each week for the children to experience a number of engaging activities, ranging from yoga or multi-skills to survival in the wild. Children work in mixed age groups with different adults or visiting experts leading these sessions.	Bright Futures We often invite visiting speakers in to talk to our children about the world of work, which helps to provide an insight into different careers children could aspire to in the future. For example, a dissection workshop in Year 6 with a heart surgeon.	Arts Mark & use of Art Studio The school is currently working on its Artsmark reaccreditation. We take part in competitions to showcase our talents and next year we are planning to host our own inter-school Art Competition!	Specialist Music Teaching Our specialist Music Teacher provides high quality lessons to every class, as well as the opportunity to learn a new instrument (e.g. violins or keyboard). Sussex Academy of Music and Surrey Arts also provide individual music lessons to a large number of our pupils.
Assembly theme of the week Ranging from friendship and trust, to bravery and British Values, the children have the chance to explore a core value or theme for the week. This year we are including some themes which relate to economic education.	Outdoor Pursuits & Residential Trips These high quality experiences help children to embed curriculum learning, build resilience and independence as well as teamwork. We offer every child the opportunity to participate in at least one residential visit such as Brenscombe or Sayers' Croft.	Woodland & Outdoor Environment We use our woodland, hidden trim-trail and outside spaces to enhance our outdoor education opportunities. Children learn orienteering, forest skills and develop their fitness through the gym fitness equipment provided.	School Council & Super School Council Children are elected by their peers to our School Council every year. Once a term, two members have the opportunity to join forces with other school council reps to form a 'Super School Council' to discuss shared topics across the Haslemere Confederation.	Performing Arts & Whole School Productions <i>'Through the Decades'</i> and <i>'A Night at the Museum'</i> are just some of the amazing productions the children have performed in. We also have our own School Choir who perform at community events.	Inter-School Sports We now have an established link with the Bohunt Sports Partnership which enables children to play more sport outside of school. We are now also working in partnership with local Haslemere schools to hold inter-school competitive and inclusive events.
Eco-School Council & Sustainability The children are encouraged to be Eco-Friendly through recycling, saving power and they are constantly striving to add more whole school initiatives. Currently we are looking at installing solar panels to generate our own energy.	Anti-Bullying & e-Safety We actively promote diversity and through our anti-bullying week, we teach children to be inclusive and celebrate individual uniqueness.	Educational Visits & Speakers Whether it is a visit to a local museum, river or sculpture park - children gain a huge amount from our educational visits planned to support topic learning. Sometimes we welcome special experts into school such as our Stone Age or Roman Workshops.	International Schools In 2021, we successfully completed our reaccreditation of the International Schools Award. The activities we undertake as part of this help children to develop their awareness of different countries and cultures.	Young Voices One of the most exciting events we attend is 'Young Voices' held every other year at the O2 Arena. We encourage every child in our school to attend this special event where we join a choir of over 9000 children to perform a range of challenging music and dance pieces.	House Captains & Inter-House Activities Each term, the children select their House Captains. A series of inter-house competitions run throughout the year, with the highlight being Sports Day in the summer term.
Head Boy and Head Girl All children in Year 6 are encouraged to apply for the highly regarded positions of Head Boy and Head Girl. The selection process is carried out by members of the School Council.	E-Safety E-safety and using technology responsibly is a key aspect of our curriculum and each year we mark Safer Internet Day. We regularly hold parent information talks regarding online safety.	Before & After School Clubs Our children are offered a range of teacher-led clubs such as Girls' Football, Environmental Club, Chess Club, Homework Club or Choir.	Business Enterprise Project Children in Year 6 receive an introductory talk from a parent or Governor with business experience, before planning how to turn their start-up money into a profit – culminating in an enterprise fair.	Community Involvement Our pupils are encouraged to play an active part in their local community, through projects such as our link with Shottermill House care home. We also celebrate achievements outside of school through newsletters and assemblies.	Pupil Voice and Autonomy Our aim is to involve children in our journey of improvement. We have established an Arts Council, Junior Librarians, IT technicians, Eco Council and Sports Leaders to help improve school life for everyone.