



## Cornerstones Philosophy



The fundamental aim of any curriculum is to help children learn. What sets Cornerstones Curriculum apart is that it's based on our four-stage philosophy: Engage, Develop, Innovate, Express.

**Bring lessons to life** We believe that successful curriculums are built on inspirational learning activities and high-quality teaching. It's about creating a classroom environment that allows children to learn in a way that motivates and interests them. As teachers ourselves, we know that can be easier said than done. It's also why our curriculum is designed to give teachers the chance to plan and structure lessons around their children.

**Four-stage philosophy** The Cornerstones Curriculum features more than 70 Imaginative Learning Projects. Each project is split into sections, which see children progress through four stages of learning: Engage, Develop, Innovate, Express.

**Engage** *At the Engage stage, children:*

- Gain memorable first-hand experiences, such as going on a visit or inviting a special visitor into school
- Enjoy WOW experiences
- Get an exciting introduction to a topic or theme
- Begin researching and setting enquiry questions
- Get lots of opportunities to make observations
- Develop spoken language skills
- Take part in sensory activities
- Have lots of fun to fully engage with their new topic

**Develop** *At the Develop stage, children:*

- Improve their knowledge and understanding of the topic
- Develop and practise their new skills
- Compose, make, do, build, investigate, explore, write for different purposes and read across the curriculum
- Research their own questions and those set by others
- Follow new pathways of enquiry based on their interests
- Complete homework activities that support their learning

**Innovate** *At the Innovate stage, children:*

- Apply skills, knowledge and understanding in real-life contexts
- Solve real or imagined problems using everything they've learnt
- Be inspired by imaginative and creative opportunities
- Revisit anything not fully grasped at the Develop stage

**Express** *At the Express stage, children:*

- Become the performers, experts and informers
- Share their achievements with parents, classmates and the community
- Evaluate finished products and processes
- Link what they have learnt to where they started
- Celebrate their achievements

*"Bringing Out The Best in Everyone"*