



Little Waltham 'Every Child' Curriculum Experiences

1 - Attend and enjoy a West End Show in London.

As part of the Little Waltham curriculum, all Year 5 pupils will attend 'Wicked' in the West End. As well as being a fantastic opportunity for all pupils to see a musical in London, the show also tackles key themes such as self-esteem, discrimination and identity which supports our pupils' development of cultural capital and personal development. This is then built into our PSHE curriculum within the Year 5 curriculum.



2 - Represent the school in Music or Sport

In an age of technology, we are proud to provide opportunities within music and sport across the school. From early on, pupils are able to participate in guitar and piano lessons. We have a school choir which performs in local events such as the 'Junior Music Festival'. With many sports clubs including football, dance, gymnastics, athletics, cricket and kickboxing, our pupils have the opportunities to represent the school in different school teams as well as competing in whole class competitions such as Chelmsford Sports Partnership Superstars competition in Year 4, Teddylympics in Year 1 and The Mini Games in Year 2.



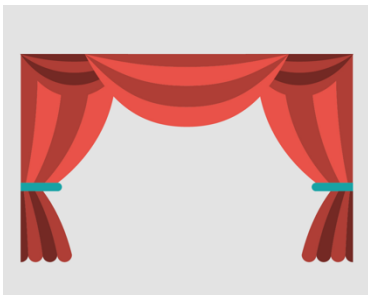
3 - In Touch with Nature at Forest School

From September 2023, Forest School will be part of the Little Waltham Curriculum in Reception and Key Stage 1. Forest School has an important role to play in connecting children to nature as we strive towards a sustainable future for all. Research shows that Forest School promotes self-esteem, creativity, confidence, teamwork and independence. It enables supported risk-taking, child-centred learning, exploration and play. Every child in Reception will have a dedicated Forest School session within the week.



4 - Perform to an audience

Experiences from an early age to perform and speak aloud to an audience supports our pupils to be able to communicate effectively and confidently in the future. As part of the annual Little Waltham Speech Festival, all pupils will build on their public speaking skills. All pupils will also experience performing to an audience through The Little Waltham Performance Poetry Contest and within performing arts linked to class assemblies and the Little Waltham Performing Arts Week.



5 - Experience a School Residential

Residential trips encourage pupils to step out of their comfort zone and embrace the world without their parents. Residentials often strengthen friendships and can help pupils to grow in confidence, develop independence and try new things! At Little Waltham, all pupils have the opportunity to go on residential in Year 6 before moving onto secondary school. Our pupils currently go to Danbury Outdoors for their residential experience.



6 - Make a Difference to Others

Service is a key value in our school so it is important that we provide opportunities to our pupils to create the positive change we want to see in the world. Within a pupil's time at Little Waltham they will have many opportunities to make a difference to others.



Within school pupils will have opportunities like training as a playleader or sports ambassador. Pupils will also be actively involved with Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Accreditation, The Archbishop's Young Leaders Award Scheme, raising money for charities such as Children in Need and Comic Relief and from September 23 pupils will work as a class to support other children to receive an education through class

sponsorship as part of the 'Stand by Me' charity.

We want our pupils to leave Little Waltham with the firm belief that their actions can make a positive difference in the world.

7 - Read, Enjoy and Learn from the Little Waltham Core Reading Spine Novels

'Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while' - Malorie Blackman.

At Little Waltham, Reading is valued and is a crucial part of every child's education; evoking curiosity and improving memory, focus and communication skills. Every child in Key Stage 2 will experience three core reading spine novels each year. This in-depth novel study provides opportunities for pupils to discuss characters, debate and discuss, provide their opinions and discover the work of a new author. The core reading spine includes classic fiction such as Tom's Midnight Garden (Philippa Pearce) to new novels such as 'When the Sky Falls' (Phil Earle). They have been carefully chosen to link to our school values and morals as well as being high-quality reads.



For more information:

http://little-waltham-school.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/LWS_Core_Novels_In_Key_Stage_2.pdf

http://little-waltham-school.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/LWS_Core_Novels_In_Key_Stage_2_Spring_Term.pdf

8 - Dedicated Faith Days

Within our school curriculum, pupils will have a dedicated day each term which focuses on developing a greater understanding of a faith. All pupils participate in the termly faith day where they take part in activities designed to further enrich their understanding of a religious tradition or festival such as Diwali - Festival of Lights or Harvest Festival.

These days will support our pupils to develop an understanding of other faiths and support British Values developing mutual respect and tolerance.



9. Grow their own fruit and vegetables in Mr Rogers' Garden

From Summer 2023, all pupils will actively take part and understand how to grow their own fruits and vegetables. Mr Rogers' Garden has been specially designed for our pupils to learn more about where their food comes from. During the different seasons of the year, pupils will be able to care for the garden and plants and grow different fruit and vegetables within Mr Rogers' Garden at break and lunchtime.

10. Exhibit art within an exhibition.

Little Waltham pupils take part in the 'Take One Picture' art programme organised by the National Gallery each year. A focus painting selected by the National Gallery becomes the stimulus for all work. Working with local artists, pupils use debate and discussion to produce ideas for their class artwork and for their individual pieces of art. The art work is celebrated as the school hall is transformed into an art exhibition for visiting parents for an afternoon.



For more information:

<http://little-waltham-school.co.uk/take-one-picture-programme-2023/>