

AKPS 11 by 11 Experiences for all children at our school

- Experience of a different culture (religion/ Global awareness week)
- Leading a club
- Experience a theatre show
- Business opportunity (Enterprise)
- Gardening including Malvern show/ forest school/ celebrity gardener
- Outdoor adventurous activity e.g. Caving, abseiling and canoeing
- Cook a meal for your family
- Taking up a new sport e.g. curling/ skateboarding/ scootering- sports week
- Carry out a responsible job (Buddy system, running the office, lunch leaders)
- Be an advocate of change- (Global advocacy- courageous advocacy)
- Learning a wellbeing practice to apply in their own lives manage their wellbeing beyond school



Enjoyment of learning- We use a number of different approaches to explore and deliver subject topics to ensure we enable our children to develop all the skills they need to be confident and successful learners and to continue to ignite their learning and enquiry. Our children are often involved in the planning stage of new topics as we value their ideas and contributions; we believe that children learn best when they are able to steer and direct their own learning. We also present topics as questions to enable enquiry at all levels to find the answers. We want our children to be inquisitive and passionate about their learning and spark a life-long desire. We want our children to be challenged and to be independent learners, making the right choices about their learning, understanding the need to take risks and to learn from their mistakes.

We aim to engage our children in their learning with special WOW days. These could be immersing them in a Greek experience day, a Viking visiting the school, a volcanic explosion, the arrival of dinosaur eggs, a mystery to solve or an educational excursion. We work in class teams, with year groups joining together to explore their learning fully and give children the opportunity to work with peers and teachers from another class. Our home learning is also linked to these themes and uses the star challenge to differentiate tasks so that they are at suitable for all children along with offering a challenge. You can see some of the work on the class pages of section of this website.

We believe in 'learning for life' and whilst this cannot always be seen in the children's books; we capture this in our special annual class learning journey book: 'Life in all its fullness' for all to see and share. Each class creates this book to showcase the curriculum in action through their learning, this is beneficial for visitors to the school to see, for children and parents looking ahead to the next year group and for the children in the class to feel proud of showcasing their work. On our website, each class displays their annual overview on their 'class pages' (see tab on [home](#) page) to show our shine curriculum in action.

Interwoven throughout our Curriculum is our [British Values Education](#) and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) development of our children. Our weekly 'time to shine' worship ensures we celebrate all of our children for [shining brightly](#) both inside and outside school. We have a wide range of merits available to ensure there are no limits on our children and how they shine. At the end of every term (6 times per year), parents and carers are invited in to share in these assemblies 'Heroes and Heroines' a chance to celebrate our children together. In addition, parents and carers are invited to class assemblies and special visits into school to see our shine curriculum in action.

We aim to keep our parents and carers well informed and excellent communication is essential. When necessary we offer parent workshops to support our parents with home-learning to ensure our children get a well-rounded package of support and further develop our important home-school partnership. This is particularly supportive if there has been a change in the approach to teaching or curriculum or assessment changes made by the Government. We have offered 'Keeping up with the kids' [English](#) and [Maths](#) changes and annual Year R phonics and reading meetings, Year 2 and year 6 meetings and [mindfulness](#) for parents and carers.

We provide a wide range of experiences for our children during their time with us including visits to different religious places of worship, whole school theatre visits and Pantomime visit, work with celebrity gardener and time away from home as a class on educational visits. We carefully plan these to extend our forest school learning and also to ensure our children visit our capital city of London in contrast to the rural village in which our school is situated.

Residentials – We organise special school residential journeys to further enhance our children’s learning and give them further opportunities to shine and experience education away from home and school.



Year 3 – Forest school overnight camp in AKPS grounds and eating outdoors with forest school team build activity, outdoor yoga and mindfulness.



Year 4 – Forest school and outdoor adventure activities with 1-night stay in the Forest of Dean, camp fire cooking, night time forest walking, crate stacking, climbing, team building, star gazing, low ropes and archery/ tunnelling.



Year 5 – Forest school and outdoor adventure activities with 2 nights camping in the Forest of Dean, forest camp fire cooking, forest walking, den building, learning to make their own sandwich picnic lunch, canoeing, abseiling and caving/bridge building.



Year 6 – ‘Cultural Capital’ visit to our capital city London for an exciting culture and adventure packed 3 nights including theatre trip to a musical theatre performance e.g. Lion king, visit to the golden gallery of St Pauls Cathedral, HMS Belfast, team watersports activities: canoeing, rafting, London eye, walking tour of London plus lots more!

