



Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

Enrichment Entitlement



Curriculum Enrichment & Cultural Capital

What is Cultural Capital?

Cultural capital is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a pupil can draw upon and which demonstrates their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence; it is one of the key ingredients a pupil will draw upon to be successful in society, their career and the world of work.

- Cultural capital promotes social mobility and success in our stratified society.
- Cultural capital gives a pupil power. It helps them achieve goals, become successful, and rise up the social ladder without necessarily having wealth or financial capital.
- Cultural capital is having assets that give pupils the desire to aspire and achieve social mobility whatever their starting point.

Each subject taught within the school day makes its own contribution to pupils' cultural capital development. Our curriculum aims to combine knowledge with experience and judgement on what pupils see. The three elements that the Oxford Dictionary uses to define wisdom. Pupils participate in a wealth of trips, visits and experiences, supported by a wide range of extra-curricular clubs.

We recognise that for pupils to aspire and be successful academically and in the wider areas of their lives, they need to be given rich and sustained opportunities to develop their cultural capital.

How do we promote Cultural Capital for Our Pupils?

At Ark Blacklands we ensure that every child has the chance to access a wealth of experiences, through a variety of ways. We endeavour to ensure that all pupils from Reception up to Year 6 have the opportunity to make termly visits to the surrounding community and beyond. We take advantage of our prime position on the South Coast and enable our children to experience all that it has to offer in terms of its social, historical and geographical content. We plan for our lessons and extra-curricular activities to be broad and enriching.











































We believe that learning from first-hand experience is very powerful and provides lasting impact with the philosophy: "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand".

All enrichment activities link to children's learning that term. For example, children have visited the Hastings Castle as a part of the history focus on uncovering the past. Children studying animal habitats have visited Drusilla's Park, looking at where animals live. Children have taken part in a dance festivals with the local secondary school to showcase their talents. Children have performed Christmas songs for the community in the town's local theatre and at local care homes.

We invite experts into our school to work with our children, including novelists, dramatists, artists, musicians, historians and representatives from local services. Experts inspire our children to learn through sharing their passion for their subject area, which can raise our children's aspirations for their future career

In addition to this, we organise special events, curriculum days, and family events to enrich our pupils' lives and challenge them to aspire to be people who leave a mark on the world.

Visits & Visitors Overview 2022 -23

	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS	Police / Paramedic 	St Helen's Woods 	Imaginary trip to the moon 	Rare Breeds Centre 	Hastings Library 	Alexandra Park 
Year 1	Local Walks/ Blacklands Church 	St Helen's Woods 	Bexhill Museum 	Hastings Museum 	Immersive 'UK Day' 	Lifeboat and Fisherman's Museum 
Year 2	Garden Party/ Hever Castle 	Fire of London Visitor & Display 	Drusillas 	Mallydams 	Superhero Immersion Day 	Drummer Visit 
Year 3	Hastings Museum Stone age workshop 	Alfriston Village 	Europe Immersion Day 	London Eye & Thames River Cruise 	Bedgebury Pinetum 	Greek Immersion Day 
Year 4	Lullingstone Roman Villa 	Chocolate Making 	Exotic Animals 	Kew Gardens 	USA Immersion Day 	Bodiam Castle 
Year 5	Leeds Castle 	Viking Visitor 	In school star gazing 	The Natural History Museum 	Hastings Mosque 	Walking tour of Hastings 
Year 6	Egyptian Immersion Day 	Battle Abbey 	WWII Immersion Day 	The Globe Theatre 	Orienteering 	Local Councillor 

Primary Connections Passports



Connecting with Nature
Environmental Awareness



Connecting with People
Citizenship: Our local and global communities



Connecting with Self
Wellbeing and personal growth



Connecting with your Future
Enterprise and careers



Connecting with Culture and the Arts
Presentation, performance, and the Arts



Connecting with Adventure
Adventure, challenge, and competition

At Ark Blacklands we are committed to ensuring all pupils leave us in Year 6 having experienced an enriched primary school experience. To help achieve this, in September 2021 we introduced the Primary Connections Passport.

Each pupil is given a Primary Connections Passport. During the school year each class will take part in 6 essential experiences and collect a stamp for their passport. Pupils also have the opportunity to complete bonus badges. 6 different categories of experience have been chosen to ensure that a range of opportunities are provided;

- **Connecting with nature (Environmental Awareness)**
- **Connecting with people (Citizenship: our local and global communities)**
- **Connecting with self (Well-being and personal growth)**
- **Connecting with our future (Enterprise and Careers)**
- **Connecting with culture and the arts (Presentation, Performance and The Arts)**
- **Connecting with adventure (Adventure, Challenge and Competition)**

By the time a Reception child leaves Year 6 they will have experienced over 42 memorable childhood experiences to take them to secondary school and into their adult lives.

Connections Passport Experiences Overview 2022 - 23

	Connecting with Nature	Connecting with People	Connecting with Self	Connecting with your Future	Connecting with Culture and The Arts	Connecting with Adventure
EYFS	Go on a hunt for insects or small creatures	Post a letter	Dance in the rain	Speak to local people who help us	Retell a story to an audience	Build and hide in a den
Year 1	Go on seasonal walks	Visit a place of worship	Blow some bubbles and let your worries float away	Borrow a book from the library	Create a piece of art for an exhibition	Go welly wandering
Year 2	Make a home for an insect or small creature	Visit a castle or key landmark in the UK	Eat something you have grown	Create a class time capsule	Learn and perform a poem off by heart	Have a picnic in the wild
Year 3	Visit a woodland area	Make a pen-pal from a contrasting place in the UK	Learn a new playground game or rhyme	Bake your own biscuits and hold a class bake sale	Retell a Greek myth	Explore a different physical environment
Year 4	Go for a river walk	Highlight a local issue and raise awareness	Make up your own game and teach it to someone	Research a career you have never heard of	Express a viewpoint within a class debate	Take part in a team building activity challenge
Year 5	Have a paper free day at school	Invite a local representative to discuss and debate the challenges of tackling local issues	Take part in 5 minutes of mindfulness for 2 weeks	Take part in a financial literacy scheme	Experience a live performance	Light a fire with flint and toast marshmallows
Year 6	Take part in a class debate about the environment	Explore and discuss children's human rights and the lives of children around the world	Explore stress management techniques	Visit a university	Write and deliver a speech	Go orienteering