Wiggins Class



Robinson Class



# Simon de Senlis Special Unit Curriculum 2023-2024



# **Curriculum Intent**

We aim to deliver education that is appropriate, challenging and stimulating in a safe, happy and caring atmosphere.

The teaching and learning focus on the National Curriculum, as appropriate, the EYFS curriculum and the children's EHCPs. Equipping the children with an efficient means of communication is central to what we do. We deliver bespoke lessons with the aim of preparing children for everyday life and achieving their full academic potential.

In Robinson Class, we have a two-year rolling programme, offering a rich, broad and balanced curriculum. Coverage is meaningful to the children and we support them to apply and transfer the knowledge and skills they learn to everyday situations. Teaching follows the National Curriculum at a stage appropriate to the children.

In Wiggins Class, there is a one-year program which is revised annually. This centres around a three week Talk for Writing text and covers a broad knowledge and skills-based curriculum, based on the EYFS curriculum and National Curriculum as appropriate to the children.

Across the unit, time is allocated daily to work on the children's Personal Precision Plans in order for them to meet the targets and outcomes outlined in their EHCPs.

Each child is unique, with their own learning needs, so we strive to make learning personalised, with a very deliberate focus on developing communication.

# Our Curriculum

# Wiggins Class

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Talk for	The	Fruit Salad-	Nobot the	Stick Man	Shakes-	Never	Little Red	Little Red	Rainbow	Tiddler -	Old	Cinderella
Writing	Gruffalo's	Instruction	Robot -	-Journey	peare Unit	Tickle a	Riding	Riding	Fish –	journey	Woman	Rags to
	Child -		Lost and			Tiger -	Hood -	Hood –	character		who	Riches
	Journey		Found			Warning	warning	informatio	change		Swallowed	
								n			a Fly	
English	Book	Understan	Story	Retrieval of	Developme	Answer	Retelling a	Initial	Sequencing	Recount	Summarisi	Retelling
	handling	d what a	vocabulary.	key	nt of a	open	story.	sequencing	a story.	vocabulary	ng	and
	skills,	question is.	Understan	informatio	setting,	ended	Making	skills,	Themes in	Features of	Inference	sequencing
	recognising	Answer a	d what a	n from a	understand	questions,	connection	further	a story.	fiction and	Rereading	Features of
	familiar	yes or no	character	text or	ing who	who and	between	detail in	Finger	non-fiction	and	a recipe.
	books and	question.	is. Talking	picture,	and what	what	stories,	retelling,	spacing	texts.	performing	Innovation,
	stories,	Make a	in simple	developme	questions,	questions,	writing/	capital	between	Relevant	Writing I as	reread, edit
	gross	prediction	short	nt of story	read vc and	features of	recording	letters and	words. Use	vocabulary	a capital	and
	motor	about a	sentences.	vocabulary,	cvc words	non-fiction	cvc	full stops,	of	– first,	letter.	perform.
	developme	story.	Use of	writing	around	texts,	captions,	recording	adjectives.	next, on	Kinetic	Planning a
	nt for early	Recognise	symbols to	jumper	phonics	writing	say then	own	Colourful	Monday	Letters,	beginning,
	writing,	familiar	aid	family	taught,	initial	write,	sentences,	Semantics	etc. Time	capital	middle and
	join in with	environme	communica	letters,	writing	sounds,	changing a	spelling	– who,	adverbials.	letters.	end.
	songs and	ntal	tion.	pulling	own name/	reading	character	HFW,	what	Colourful	Understan	Kinetic
	rhymes,	sounds.	Kinetic	numbers,	recording	captions	in a story,	innovating	doing,	Semantics	ding terms	Letters –
	use of	Recognise	Letter	label	with the	around	Colourful	stories by	what,	– who,	relating to	capital
	Colourful	and record	gross	pictures	use of IT,	taught	Semantics	changing	where,	what	books –	letters
	Semantics	own name.	motor	with cvc	Colourful	phonics,	– who,	characters,	Addition of	doing,	cover,	
	for "who,"	HFW	movement	words,	Semantics	imitate	what	Colourful	fisher	what,	blurb,	
	Matching	reading,	Pencil grip	using initial	– who,	stories/	doing,	Semantics	family in	where.	spine,	
	objects to	recognition	work.	sounds to	what	texts,	what.	– who,	KL.	Kinetic	contents,	
	pictures,	and	Jumper	read and	doing?	Colourful	Jumper,	what	Innovation	Letters – all	index etc	
	recognising	spelling,	family.	spell,		Semantics	abracadabr	doing,		families to		

	personal	Kinetic	Reciting	record own	Jumper	– who,	a and	what,	around a	date and		
	words	Letters	familiar	story maps	and	what	window	where.	text	slider		
		gross	short text	of a	abracadabr	doing,	cleaner	Jumper,		family.		
		motor	Colourful	familiar	a family	what ,	family,	abracadabr		Rereading		
		movement	Semantics	text,	and	abracadabr	suggest	a, window		what they		
		Colourful	– who,	colourful	pushing	a family	how stories	cleaner and		write.		
		Semantics	what doing	semantics	numbers.	Basic	might end.	special		Using I in a		
		- who?	Match	– who,		punctuatio	Punctuatio	squirter		sentence.		
		Features of	objects to	what		n, inc.	n.	families				
		a recipe	pictures	doing,		exclamatio		Fact files,				
				basic		n marks		bullet				
				rhyming				points for				
								lists,				
								reports				
Maths	Rote	As previous	Developme	То	Comparing	Developing	Subitise to	Recording	Ordering	Developme	Number	Teen
	counting,	3 weeks	nt of	recogniser	numbers	counting	10,	simple	number as	nt of	bond recall	numbers –
	understand	plus –	cardinal	a missing	and	skills, make	compositio	calculation	appropriat	formal	to 5 and	compositio
	anything	developme	principle –	number	understand	a set from	n and	in own	e,	recording.	10.	n and
	can be	nt of order	count and	from a	ing and	a larger	partition of	way, show	subitising	Recite over	Counting	partitioning
	counted,	irrelevance	say how	sequence,	using	amount,	numbers,	number	with larger	20.	backwards.	Multiply
	number	principle,	many.	subitising	appropriat	reciting	part part	bonds to	numbers	Vocabulary	Using	and divide.
	rhymes,	recognise	Subitise to	games,	е	numbers to	whole,	10,	and	around	written	Distributing
	recognise	and read	6 –	developme	vocabulary,	15,	recite to	estimation,	describing	comparing	number	items
	and read	numbers,	Numicon,	nt of	ordering	recognising	20, match	one more	what you	sets within	sentences	fairly.
	numbers,	show	dominoes,	mathemati	numbers to	a mistake	numerals	than,	can see,	10/20.	including	Doubling,
	sorting by	interest to	dice. 1:1	cal	10,	in a	to sets,	recognise,	one more,	Weight,	mathemati	halving and
	shape and	numbers in	correspond	vocabulary,	developme	sequence	recognise,	continue	one less,	length and	cal signs.	sharing.
	colour,	the	ence and	join in with	nt of place	of numbers	continue	and create	understand	height.	Doubling	Weight and
	matching	environme	matching.	number	value	or a	and create	more	ing place	Money	and	capacity.
	same and	nt,	Order	rhymes,	knowledge	pattern,	repeating	complex	value to 20,	problems.	halving,	Measuring
	different,	recognise	numbers.	songs and	and	exploring	patterns –	patterns,	estimation		sharing.	using
	compare	an ABAB	Fiveness of	games,	understand	weighing,	ABC, ABB,	positional	with		Odd and	standard
	size and	pattern,	5. Continue	create own	ing,	3d shapes	ABBC,	language –	greater		even.	units.

	length,	understand	an ABAB	simple	number	– names,	length and	in, on,	amounts,		Weight.	
	spatial	big, small,	pattern.	patterns	bonds to 5,	properties	height, 2d	under,	capacity		Sequencing	
	awareness	bigger,	Recognise	ABAB, 2d	recite to at	and	shapes in	near, next	and		events	
	when	smaller,	and name	shapes and	least 10,	similarities	3d shapes	to	appropriat		(time).	
	moving in	recognise	2d shapes.	props,	+and – to	Similarities	Su shapes	10	е		Time	
	the setting,	2d shapes,	Compare	length and	5, patterns				vocabulary,		challenges	
	the setting,	solve	height.	height,	in the				2d and 3d		Chanenges	
		problems	Directional		environme				shapes –			
		•		recognise								
		involving	language –	the	nt, capacity				names and			
		length	up, down,	relationshi	work – full,				properties,			
			forwards,	p between	empty,				recognise			
			backwards.	size and	nearly full				and order			
				number of	full/ empty.				coins			
				units.				_	within 10p			
Personal,	Morning	Developing	Being a	Recognisin	Recognisin	Challenging	Building	Group	Perseveran	Emotional	Online	Online
Social and	and	relationshi	good	g and	g and	self,	resilience,	work and	ce –	regulation	safety.	safety.
Emotional	afternoon	ps with	friend.	managing	managing	playing	trying new	being part	changing	and	Resolving	Helping
Developme	routines,	adults and	Snack	different	different	alongside	things and	of a team.	an action	explaining	conflict.	others –
nt	behaviour	peers,	routines.	emotions,	emotions,	others,	challenges,	Sharing	to get a	feelings.	Initiating	recognising
	expectatio	Transitions,	Lunch	school	recognising	turn taking	completing	ideas and	different	Resolving	games	emotions
	ns,	collaborati	routines.	routines,	and	skills,	routine	feeling	result	conflict.		in other
	independe	on,	Breaktime	taking	acceptance		tasks and	valued		Recognisin		people
	nce in	managing	rewards.	pride in	of		activities			g symbols		
	accessing	belongings,	Responding	work and	emotions		with			and		
	provision,	snack	to rewards.	effort,	in others,		increased			pictures		
	good	routines,	Celebrating	helping	pride,		independe			linked to		
	manners,	lunch	differences	others,	listening		nce			emotions.		
	cooperatio	routines,	understand	developing	and							
	n, toileting,	breaktime	ing now	interest in	awareness							
	managing	behaviour	and next,	others,	of others.							
	resources,	and	finding and	pouring	Playing							
	snack and	routines,	returning	own water	chasing							
	lunch	how to	things to		games.							

	routines,	make a	their usual									
	recognising	friend,	place,									
	own	exploring										
	reflection	new										
		situations										
Jigsaw	Being Me in	My World	Celebrating I	Difference	Dreams and	Goals	Healthy Me		Relationship	S	Changing Me	9
program												
Physical	Sitting on	Walking in	Walk in a	Taking off	Different	Balancing,	Ball skills –	Climbing	Climbing	Keeping	Team	Team
Developme	floor and	a straight	straight	and putting	ways and	hopping,	sliding,	safely and	and	healthy	games –	games –
nt	chair, lining	line	line, move	on own	directions	skipping,	rolling,	the use of	dismountin	and	boccia,	boccia,
	up,	without	without	socks and	of	linking	throwing	large	g from	healthy	relay.	new age
	collecting	bumping	bumping	shoes with	travelling,	movement	and kicking	apparatus,	apparatus	eating.	Sports day.	kurling,
	own coat	into things.	into things,	increased	walking	together,	towards a	keeping	safely	Building	Increase	relays,
	and bag,	Standing	putting	independe	safely on a	scooter	target,	healthy –	Keeping	stamina	stamina	racing
	putting	from chair	coat on	nce,	bench, to	boards,	climbing	washing	healthy –	Revisit bat	linked to	Dance
	coat on	and floor,	and off,	running	use role	balance	apparatus.	and	washing,	and balls	time	taught
	hook,	hanging up	playground	and	play in	boards.	Striking	exercising	exercising,	skills	challenges	steps to
	balance	belongings,	games, use	jumping	dressing up	Focus on	and		cleaning		Log rolls	music.
	bikes,	lining up,	a range of	and	area,	speed and	controlling		teeth			
	trikes,	putting on	tools	changing	Linking two	direction.	a ball with					
	scooters,	apron,	purposefull	direction,	movement	Make up	a bat.					
	hand	moving	y – spoons,	carry things	together.	and	Beanbags					
	washing,	heavy	scissors,	safely,	Travelling	perform a	skills					
	core	objects in	forks, safe	using tools	on tiptoes,	sequence.	towards a					
	strength	the	use of	safely – link	hopping,		target and					
	exercises,	courtyard,	playground	to Forest	skipping,		work with					
	negotiating	hand	equipment.	School,	jumping in		a partner					
	space and	washing,	Obstacle	playground	a range of							
	obstacles,	core	courses –	games	ways							
	safe use of	strength	in, on,									
	playground	exercises,	under									
	equipment	safe use of	apparatus									

Knowledge and Understan ding of the World	Know who is in their family, recognise photo of self and family. Name a range of animals. Animals live in different habitats Belonging to a community	playground equipment. Bench work Recognisin g family and friends, learn classmates names, know who is in his family and the jobs they do, Diwali, caring for friends, family and pets, finding way to different parts of	Families are all different. Babies to elderly. Guy Fawkes. To understand immediate past, present and future.	Know who looks after us and helps to keep us safe. Emergency services, parents, teachers, Christmas celebration – why do we have Christmas and who celebrates it? How is it celebrated?	Understan d the terms long ago and what has changed? Shakespear e – what is the difference to present day? Clothes, houses, electricity, language, school. Inspiration al people. Bible	Changes from the past to today, using resources to find differences , e.g. Peepo, Chinese new year, spring celebration and weather	Different religions we have in the class, how do we celebrate things differently? Special places including places of worship Life cycles of animals	Places of worship. Easter celebration . Special books – Bible and Koran, life cycle of plants	How have they changed since the start of the school year? Celebrating physical growth and things they can now do. Eid. Changes in state.	What can they do that they couldn't do in September, use writing and a picture to compare.	Know own address. We are in Northampt on, in England, in UK. Town and Country Mouse to contrast location. Local walks Caring for our world and the people in it	Weddings, birthdays, anniversari es, funerals. Handa's Surprise – contrasting location. Caring for the environme nt Caring for our world and the people in it
Everessive	Dogganico /	school.	Licina	laining	Stories	Drawan	Donail	Missing	Heing day	Idon+if.	Making	Dorforming
Expressive Arts	Recognise/ identify	Recognise and	Using scissors,	Joining materials	Creating models	Draw an image /	Pencil dictionary	Mixing colours	Using clay to create	Identify and make	Making shades of	Performing a sequence
3x10	colours	identify	vertical,	together,	with	shape to fill	skills, use	with	models.	shades of	colour.	of events in
sessions of	Respond to	colours,	horizontal,	mixing and	playdough,	a space,	scissors in	powder	Create a	different	Identify	dance and
Music Bugs	and join in	colour	diagonal,	changing	show ideas	responding	creating a	paints,	piece of	colours	moods in	music
	with music	mixingreco	circular	colours,	with	to different	model, play	developing	music using	Improving	music	
	and	gnise and	lines in	describe	pictorial	music,	instrument	storytelling	pattern	performan		
	movement	join in with		what you	representa		s loudly	in their		ce		

Mark maki Reco that actio matc story Use t and mate with inten creat	rhymes, explore musical instrument s and own voice, mark tools making, embellishin g pictures the and models.	mark making. Using untuned instrument s, use of actions to tell a story.	can see, improvisati on – copy back games, to stop and start playing on request (music)	tions, tap along to a beat, Showcase piece – Shakespear e outcome		and quietly, join materials together in model making,	play, copy a simple rhythm		Keep a simple beat		
al vocal – sta sit do unde use o visua Begir embo routi e.g. regis	ines, ate facts about selves, likes uction and dislikes, bulary songs and rhymes, listening behaviours, of answer yes and no questions, ed call and ines, routine class expectatio	n, extending vocabulary relating to class work.	Communic ating about self and family and friends, to share ideas about characters in stories, increased involvemen t and confidence in singing and rhymes, responding to observatio n and	Communic ating in front of others, understand ing questions – who and what, recognising repeated refrains, being a good audience. Understan d and use range of pronouns	Understan ding of questions – where, who, what, developme nt of two-way communica tion, communica te/talk about a given stimulus, develop confidence and skills to answer more open	Beginning, middle and end of stories, story mapping, building confidence when talking about selves, increasing concentrati on and application to conversatio ns and discussions	Preposition – on, in, under, near, next to, Developme nt of prediction skills in stories and real events	Preposition – in, on, under, near, next to, between, behind. Sequencing and retelling events and stories. Talk about things they have seen and done and what is going to happen. Carry out a	Use of sequencing words and verbs to instruct. Develop questionin g techniques, including why. Deliver messages to other children and staff.	Responding to what they hear in a conversatio n. Sharing ideas and opinions. Building on explanatio n skills.	Further questionin g techniques. Extend time spent in two-way conversations. How questions. Deliver messages to staff in other areas of the school.

words "no" and "stop."	Make a choice from two or more options,	good afternoon, hello, thank you. Select two or more items from a wider choice	listening games – what can you see and hear? Understan d and use range of pronouns		ended questions, asking questions	, sharing ideas, answering questions about stories. Understan ding adjectives relating to everyday situations		set of instruction s. Understan d a range of tenses.			
Scientific Technologi es  Explore a range of toys including simple mechanism	Identify and point to main parts of the body. Indicates the before and after of material changes.	Can turn on and operate simple devices e.g. iPad, IWB, sensory room toys.	Can instruct a device to move forwards and backwards.	Communic ate the names of parts of the body. Uses known tools to complete a simple process	Move a device forwards, backwards and sideways.	Move a device forwards, backwards and sideways. Moving a device to a given target	Identify more complex body parts. Identify parts in a range of plants	Identify more complex body parts Identify a range of animals and their body parts Name a range of animals	Capture new experience in a range of media – photos, sand draw, create a story. Record observatio ns in drawing and symbols	Know that informatio n can be stored and retrieved from a computer, storing informatio n in own file. E-safety Recognise a range of technology at home, school and in the community	Know that informatio n can be stored and retrieved from a computer, storing informatio n in own file. E-safety Recognise a range of technology at home, school and in the community

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Year 1	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	Instructions	Losing tale	Shakespeare and	Warning tale	Journey tale	Recount
T4W	Toolkit: structure	Toolkit: object	invention unit	Toolkit:	Toolkit: setting	Toolkit: structure
		description		Characterisation		
Maths	Number and place	Place value,	Addition and	Multiplication and	Division and	Measure and
Areas are	value	addition	subtraction	division	fractions	geometry focus
interleaved						
through the year						
with a greater						
focus as detailed						
here						
History	Great fire of		Florence		Great Fire of	
	Northampton		Nightingale, Edith		London	
	Significant historical events, people and places		Cavell, Mary		Events beyond	
	in their own locality		Seacole		living memory that	
			The lives of		are significant	
			significant		nationally and	
			individuals in the		globally.	
			past who have			
			contributed to			
			national and			
			international achievements			
			acmevements			
Geography		Where I live.		Where would you		How is
Geography		Immediate		rather live,		Northampton
		location, study of		Northampton or		different to India?
		school grounds and		Hunstanton?		Compare and contrast
		School grounds and		Transtanton:		Northampton and India.

		local area/ fieldwork.		Compare and contrast Northampton and Hunstanton Daily weather and seasonal patterns		
RE	Belonging to communities	Christian Christmas	Christianity – Jesus as a loving and caring person	Sacred places	Muslim life	Jewish home life
Science	Alive or Not – Habitats. Living things and their habitats	Identifying Materials Everyday materials NC	Materials – Investigating suitability for use Uses of everyday materials	Structure of Plants and growth of plants Plants	Flowers and life cycles of plants Plants	Light and Shadows Light
Computing	Creating media – digital writing NPAT Y1 Embedded	Computer systems and networks, technology around us	Creating Media - Digital painting Embedded	Programming A - Moving Robots (beebots)	Data and information – grouping data Embedded	Programming B – Introduction to animation(Scratch Junior)
Music Year 1 Charanga Units	Hey You	Rhythm in the way we walk and banana rap	In the groove	Round and round	Your Imagination	Reflect, rewind and replay
DT Food ongoing through the year DATA curriculum		Mechanisms - Sliders and levers		Free standing structures		Mechanisms – wheels and axles
Art	Drawing (portraiture)		Painting inspired by seascape		Sculpture inspired by flora	
PE	Mastering basic movements	(Swimming Unit)	Gymnastics	Dance	Competitive games	Agility, balance and coordination

Р	PHSE	Being me in my	Celebrating	Dreams and goals	Healthy me	Relationships	Changing me
Υ	ear 2 Jigsaw	world	difference				
С	curriculum						

Year 2	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English T4W	Cumulative tale toolkit: sentence structure	Instructions Toolkit: structure	Shakespeare and invention unit	Wishing tale Toolkit: setting	Journey Toolkit: characterisation	Instructions Toolkit: structure
Maths Areas are interleaved through the year with a greater focus as detailed here	Number and place value	Place value, addition	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Division and fractions	Measure and geometry focus
History	Transport of the past Changes in Britain	Bonfire night and Remembrance Events that are significant nationally or globally	Ancient Egypt The achievements of the early civilisations, an overview of where and when the first civilisations appeared and an in-depth study of Ancient Egypt		Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.	
Geography		Mapping Northampton and Inner London  Use aerial photographs and maps and plan		Farm to fork.  Revisit locational knowledge -United Kingdom, capital cities and seas.  Name and locate		Recycling the Environment and making a difference Human geography – topical environmental awareness study

		perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic field work. Use simple compass routes. Human and physical features. Create maps and keys.		the world's seven continents and five oceans-Food Miles Bag of shopping		introducing a geographical study of a Scandinavian country.
RE	Caring for the world and others	Festivals (Diwali, Christmas, Love and light, Ramadan, Passover, Hannukah)	Christianity: Creation	Christianity Easter	Buddhism, what does it mean to be a Buddhist?	Hindu life in Britain
Science	Animal growth, requirements for survival and health Animals inc humans	Rocks, soils, fossils The study of rocks	Food chains and growth of plants living things and their habitats, plants NC	Nutrition – Skeleton and muscles Animals inc humans	Earth and Space Earth and Space NC	Sound Sound
Computing	Creating Media – digital writing, including photography Embedded	Programming A – Robot Algorithms (beebots)	Creating Media – making music Embedded	Creating Media – digital writing,	Data and information, pictograms Embedded	Programming B, events and actions Scratch
Music Year 3 scheme - charanga	Let Your Spirit Fly	Glockenspiel Stage 1	Three Little Birds	The Dragon Song	Bringing Us Together	Reflect, Rewind and Replay

DT Food ongoing through the year		Fixings and fastenings – puppets		Mechanisms - Pneumatics		Textiles – 2d shape to 3d produce
Art	Drawing inspired by still life		Sculpture inspired by historical pattern making		Painting inspired by flora	
PE	Mastering Basic movements	(Swimming Unit)	Gymnastics	Dance	Competitive games	Agility, balance and coordination
PHSE Year 2 Jigsaw curriculum	Being in my world	Celebrating difference	Dreams and goals	Healthy me	Relationships	Changing me

#### **Curriculum Implementation**

In Robinson Class, our curriculum follows the subjects of the National Curriculum, alongside developing life skills, independence and communication. We adapt the NPAT Units which best suit the needs, interests and attainment of the children. We also use Charanga as the basis of the music curriculum, Jigsaw for PSHE and DATA for Design and Technology.

In Wiggins Class, the curriculum is composed of the following subjects:

- Reading
- Writing
- Maths
- Communication and Language Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Knowledge and understanding of the world
- Scientific Technologies
- Expressive arts

These subjects lead on to formalised curriculum subjects when the children are developmentally ready.

Within the unit, many of our children have significant communication and interaction difficulties along with a range of learning difficulties. We plan and teach bespoke lessons to ensure that outcomes are met from the children's EHCPs and regularly review the targets through the use of Personal Precision Plans and individualised learning.

We know that children achieve best when school and home work in partnership. Targets and progress are shared termly, along with Termly Learning Conference appointments and an Annual Review meeting. Teachers send emails to parents if necessary and appropriate, and will, at times, make telephone calls to inform parents of successes or

concerns. Weekly blogs are shared on the school website and, as and when appropriate, daily, less formal, handovers are conducted with parents who bring their children to school.

We revisit learning using concrete resources and real experiences to give the children numerous opportunities to embed knowledge and learning.

Alongside classroom learning, the children make visits into the local community to develop independence and the ability to risk assess things, learn road safety skills, participate in regular cooking lessons, have weekly Forest School sessions and manage a small gardening plot within the grounds. All these elements help to develop the child as a whole.

Positive relationships are vital in all learning and we work hard to promote this within the Unit and throughout the school. We use praise and encouragement to build self-esteem and develop motivation and foster a responsibility for their own learning within the children. Class dojos are used successfully to motivate the children across the unit and the school.

# **Communication and Language**

We support and develop the children's communication and language in everything that we do and this is constantly an area of importance.

To do this, along with verbalising, we may employ the following strategies:

- Visual schedules
- PECS
- Communication boards
- Colourful Semantics
- Intensive Interaction
- Attention Autism Strategies

- AAC devices
- Personalised 1:1 work stations
- Singing
- Signing
- Out and about trips
- Structured play
- Role play
- Turn taking games

# **Physical Development**

We build in regular opportunities for movement in the day, something the children often need in order to maintain focus and concentration, along with building agility, strength and stamina.

We may use one or more of the following strategies –

- Sensory circuits
- Outdoor play
- Real PE
- Swimming
- Out and about trips
- Kinetic Letters
- Finger gym
- Structured play
- Sensory room
- Thrive OT advice and support

## Scientific Technologies and Understanding the World

The teaching and learning gives the children a broad range of purposeful experiences and supports them to make sense of the abstract world. When they are developmentally ready, they move onto subject specific areas. The children can enjoy the following experiences:

- Making learning real through lots of practical activities
- Out and about trips
- Outside visitors coming to school
- Forest School
- Opportunities to explore learning through a range of ICT equipment

#### **Creative Arts**

The children are taught to use a range of tools and equipment and participate in music and movement and signing sessions. Music Bugs leads a weekly session, with a focus on exploration and performance. A key part of our Talk for Writing Curriculum is drama, which is incorporated frequently into English lessons. Art and Design and Technology, including cooking, form a key part of the curriculum.

# Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through individual work, the use of a range of interventions as appropriate and the Jigsaw Program, the children are helped to recognise a range of emotions. They are taught strategies, and supported to put these into action, in order to manage their emotions and develop self-regulating skills. The children are taught and supported to play alongside and with other children, in order to build on their social skills. They are taught that everyone is unique and everyone is special.

## **English**

At Simon de Senlis we use Talk for Writing to deliver an exciting writing curriculum. Within the unit, the classes adapt a text to suit the children. The children learn to recite the text and internalise it, adding actions to bring it alive. They are then supported to imitate it and then innovate their own piece of writing based around the unit of work. Texts are supplemented with the use of symbols to ensure a greater understanding of the vocabulary used.

A lot of time is invested in reading using the school's reading schemes, real books and high frequency words. Reading lessons are taught three times a week within the unit. The unit make use of the school library, promoting a love of reading.

As a school, we follow the Kinetic Letters scheme to develop children's handwriting.

Phonics teaching is delivered in both classes. Teachers use a range of approaches to deliver phonics, including elements from Jolly Phonics and Unlocking Letters and Sounds.

# **Maths**

As a school, we place great emphasis on using concrete resources to support children's maths work. Within the unit, such resources are available in every maths lesson in order to build on and embed understanding, and prepare the children to transition to pictorial and abstract methods.

Teachers use a range of resources to support planning such as NPAT documents, National Curriculum and Number Sense. Children in Robinson Class benefit from Quick Ten each day to support and embed their understanding of areas taught previously.

We interleave areas of maths throughout the terms in order to enable children to revisit knowledge and build on it further. The children require this approach to enable them to practise and consolidate what they have learned.

# **Curriculum Impact**

Our children learn in a variety of ways with varying levels of support. We focus on recognising and planning for next steps, evidencing progress through the children's Personal Precision Plans, linked to their EHCPs and through our assessment system, Assessment for All. This system was developed by Fairfields School and focuses on showing progress on all areas that we value. We make baseline assessments and then collect evidence through observations, videos, photographs and through the children's recorded work to document the children's progress through school.

Children attaining below the Pre-key stage standards are assessed using the Engagement Model. Observations are made, with the focus being on the five areas of the model – Exploration, Realisation, Anticipation, Persistence and Initiation.