

GODINTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS

Welcome to

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When you step inside our school, you will find an exciting environment of creativity and discovery, where children's natural curiosity is stimulated and their capacity to learn is nurtured. We are very proud of our ethos, which provides a supportive, family atmosphere with an emphasis on ensuring that our children are happy and confident individuals who love coming to school. At Godinton Primary School, our team works hard to provide every child with a well-rounded education, enabling them to reach their full potential and succeed wherever their strengths and skills may lie. We strive for academic excellence in our pupils but believe that this should be delivered alongside an enriching and creative curriculum.



We look forward to welcoming you to our school, where you can see for yourself what a special place Godinton Primary School is.

Miss Jill Talbot
Headteacher

Developing A LOVE OF LEARNING

Our excellent team of teachers and teaching assistants provide our children with a wonderfully enriching curriculum designed to foster a love of learning. We take our children on a **'Learning Adventure'**, in which we interweave curriculum subjects to secure knowledge and provide excitement. Each subject is underpinned by one of our 'Guiding Stars' – the key learning skills that children need to become successful life-long learners: perseverance, teamwork, independence, risk-taking, creative-thinking, communication, personal best, motivation, problem-solving and self-confidence.

We provide focused support and challenge for children of all abilities, enabling them to make the greatest possible academic progress and to feel proud of their achievements.

Classrooms throughout the school are bright and cheery and celebrate the children's achievements. The school is fully equipped with interactive whiteboards and has a dedicated computing suite. We ensure that we keep up to date with technology, providing our children with excellent opportunities to develop computing skills across the curriculum.

An exciting and ENRICHING CURRICULUM

At Godinton, academic excellence does not come at the expense of a broad and balanced curriculum. We pride ourselves in offering our children a wide range of exciting experiences both inside and outside the classroom, which provide them with many different avenues by which to succeed. Music, art and sport activities are securely placed in our curriculum in order to give all our children the opportunity to explore where their talents might lie outside of traditional academic subjects.

We value the contribution that these subjects make to a child's development and self-esteem and regularly take opportunities to celebrate the children's successes in whatever area they lie.



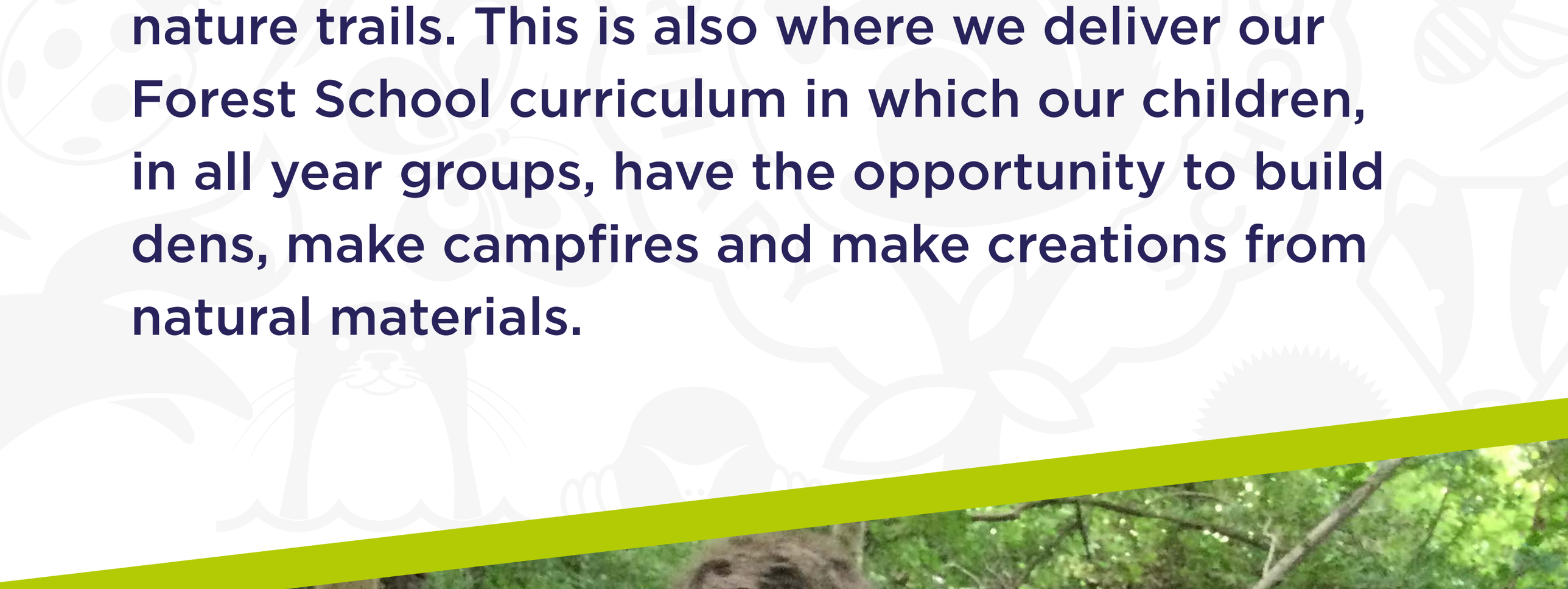
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Tucked safely away on the Godinton Park Estate, it's only when you step within the school gate that you can fully appreciate the school's privileged outside space. Our school grounds are both extensive and beautiful, stretching around the entire building and providing a wonderful natural backdrop. Children at Godinton benefit from vast playing fields, adventure play areas, two playgrounds and a thriving wildlife garden and environmental area.

A broad area of woodland, also within the grounds, provides an inspiring space for curriculum enrichment, as a stimulus for poetry or creative writing or as the location for scientific nature trails. This is also where we deliver our Forest School curriculum in which our children, in all year groups, have the opportunity to build dens, make campfires and make creations from natural materials.

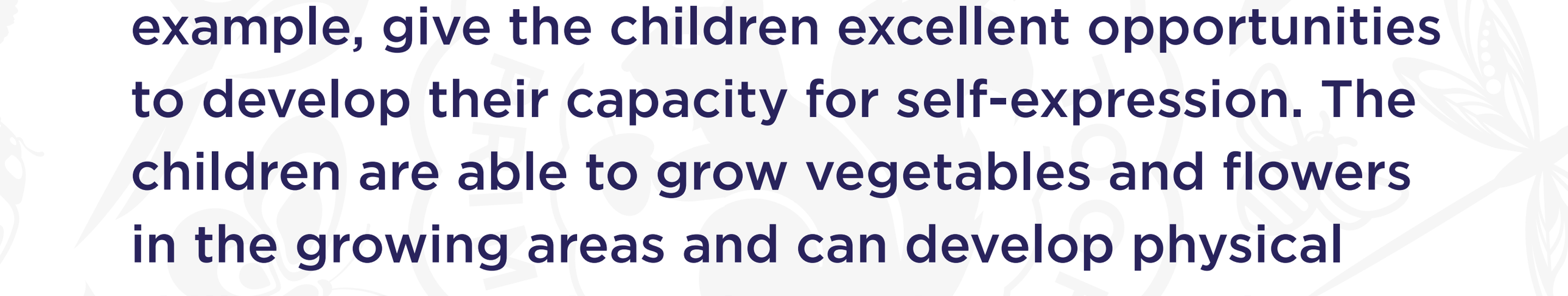




Getting it RIGHT FROM THE START

Our Early Years Foundation Stage *(Reception)* curriculum ensures that our youngest children get the very best possible start to school. Our nurturing transition programme, enables us to get to know each child individually and understand where their interests and passions lie so that we can create enriching opportunities for them. We are fortunate to have an extensive indoor space where the children's imaginations can really come to life. You may find our children dressed up as astronauts ready for blast off, knee deep in paint, glitter and feathers, deciding what to turn a cardboard box into, delving into beautiful picture books or taking orders in a pizzeria. There is something for everyone.

Our outdoor space is equally as stimulating and includes both a grassy area and playground space. The 'mud kitchen' and 'talent stage' for example, give the children excellent opportunities to develop their capacity for self-expression. The children are able to grow vegetables and flowers in the growing areas and can develop physical skills on the outdoor play equipment. Our large outdoor canopy provides shelter in all weathers so that children can comfortably play both inside and out in rain or sunshine.



Nurturing all aspects of our

CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT

Providing a nurturing environment in which all children feel valued, safe and supported is a key part of the Godinton ethos. A strong set of star values creates an environment of respect and consideration to others, where differences are celebrated. We celebrate our children's personal achievements – their kindness, thoughtfulness and perseverance in many ways.

We want them to feel as proud of themselves as we are of them. This might be by displaying a special picture on their proud peg, by giving them a star award for upholding their school values and celebrating this at our weekly tea parties with the Headteacher, or by awarding certificates in our weekly celebration assemblies.

We encourage all our children to be responsible members of our school community.

Our older children act as role models around school through becoming Prefects, House Captains or Playground Buddies, helping to look after our younger children. We do our utmost to make it easy for children to approach staff with any problems and we teach that bullying is never acceptable behaviour.

The wellbeing and mental health of our children is supported by a strong pastoral team. Nurture provision provides groups of children or individuals with structured sessions to support areas of personal wellbeing and development. This might be watching chicks hatch and tadpoles transform into frogs, tending to the wildlife area, exploring the woods or cooking seasonal treats. Our Family Liaison Officer leads our pastoral team who provide supportive intervention support for children at times of difficulty.




Play
Amelia Earheart was the first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean
DELL
stone



Opportunities
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

At Godinton, we believe that practical, hands-on experiences help to secure learning and understanding. Our children have opportunities to perform in front of others whether that is by leading an assembly, taking part in a drama production or performing in large scale events such as 'The Young Voices Choir' at the O2. They enjoy participating in sport clubs, leagues and tournaments and taking part in the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer at Godinton such as art and craft clubs, story clubs, gardening and computing.

These experiences help to develop confidence, draw out talents and have a positive impact on all areas of the children's learning and development. It's not unusual to see a coach parked outside our school gates ready to take our children out on exciting adventures which bring our curriculum to life – climbing spiral staircases at a castle, watching a performance at a theatre, zooming on a river boat down the Thames, exploring the beaches of the Kent coast, soaking in the splendour of a cathedral or travelling back in time on a steam train. We want our children to be curious about the world around them and to seek excitement by the cultural opportunities open to them.

Residential trips are also offered to our older children to activity centres and include unforgettable experiences such as abseiling, kayaking and zip wires.

Even the teachers have a go!



WORKING IN CLASSROOM

Godinton Primary School
is a community where everyone has a part to play.

Our children benefit immensely from a dedicated team of teachers, teaching assistants, pastoral staff, office and premises staff who all make a valuable contribution to our Godinton family and an effective Governing Body provides excellent support for the school.

We value the contribution that parents make to their child's education and our school and look for opportunities for parents to come into school to watch performances, help in the classroom or learn about how they can support their children at home. We have an active PTFA who run a host of fun, family activities throughout the year to raise funds for the school and to provide memorable experiences for the children.

Our thriving Early Birds Breakfast Club and Night Owls After School Club provides the stimulating wraparound care needed by many families at both ends of the school day.

Come and see for yourself what makes Godinton Primary School such a special place to learn and grow. Meet our amazing team and our fantastically wonderful children by arranging a tour of our school.

We hope that you and your child will want to be part our Godinton family and we look forward to working in partnership with you.

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