



Intent

At Uplands Manor we are privileged to be able to make a difference to the lives of our children and the choices they make about their future. Our children have an entitlement to the powerful knowledge and skills that will enable them to lead purposeful, successful lives and make a positive contribution to society.

We will achieve this through a well-sequenced, coherent curriculum which:

- Embeds the **powerful knowledge, skills and vocabulary development**
- Promotes and provides **rich cultural capital**
- Ensures that every experience and interaction models the **positive behaviours** we expect to see

Implementation

We have developed four **curriculum drivers** which give our school curriculum the 'Ex Factor' and bring about the aims and values of our school and respond to the particular needs of our community:

Excite – Children are inspired and enthusiastic to learn through engaging sequences of lessons, each of which builds on prior knowledge. Our curriculum motivates pupils to work well independently and within small groups to make good progress and age-related outcomes.

Experience - High quality experiential opportunities, such as visits, visitors, artefacts, film and stories, develop pupils' cultural capital and vocabulary and further build and embed their schemas, allowing the children to develop as independent thinkers and learners. Children become increasingly aware of opportunities in their community and beyond.

Extend – Ensuring that knowledge enters a child's long term memory is essential in order to make learning 'stick'. Therefore, core knowledge is taught in all curriculum areas and opportunities to interleave and revisit this knowledge are built into the curriculum in order to secure and build upon prior knowledge.

Excel – Concepts build and become more complex as we go through our curriculum, ensuring that children are constantly building, embedding and using their mental models. Children have an appreciation of what is needed and produce high quality pieces of work in order to feel successful and proud.

Uplands Manor 'Ex Factor'			
Excite	Experience	Extend	Excel
Start with a hook that activates prior knowledge. End with an event.	Real-life and hands-on experiences and opportunities. Visits, visitors, stories, film, drama, artefacts, music.	Build on prior knowledge. Focus on core knowledge. Revisit and embed in long term memory with quizzes, books etc.	Progression and achievement for all.