

OUR TEACHING METHODS

Play with purpose,
think with power!



GOOD HANDWRITING

starts with developing all the large muscles in the body.

NUMERICAL SKILLS

start with logical reasoning - seeing patterns & estimating the numbers.

MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING

starts with an understanding of an understanding of cause & effect

WRITING

that is accurate & interesting starts with great spoken language.

RESEARCH & EXPERIENCE

tell us that young children need to move, that's how they learn best.

None of these skills are learned while sitting at a desk. If these skills are not secure, then the foundations are shaky & difficulties can arise later in school life.

The methods we have adopted are not instead of academic excellence - they are the bedrock of us being ambitious for all pupils to achieve their best possible outcomes.

OPAL

To ensure that we were doing all we could to meet our aims we introduced a method called OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning). This gave us access to experts in the field who could quality assure our provision & ensure that we use our outdoor space to maximise learning in the most effective way. We are delighted to have been accredited with Platinum status, scoring 99/100 in our most recent accreditation!

WHY OPAL?

The advantages of OPAL are increased cooperation, negotiation & problem solving - all excellent skills for later life.

Social intelligence has improved as children work & communicate with a wide range of children of differing ages.

Inclusion is easy - access to this way of learning suits everyone!