



OUR CURRICULUM



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Curriculum Aims

The Regent School Abuja provides a broad, balanced, differentiated and relevant British curriculum that operates with a vision to provide every child with a unique, personalised learning experience. Our curriculum is based on the New National Curriculum for England for core and foundation subjects. Our diverse range of pupils is provided with a high-quality education, delivered by dedicated, qualified and experienced teachers. Our Curriculum has strong emphasis on the core areas of English (Reading, Writing and Spelling Punctuation & Grammar) and Maths (Number Sense, Additive, Multiplicative and Geometric Reasoning), Science (Physics, Chemistry & Biology), Humanities (Geography/History). We also provide specialist lessons in Physical Education (PE) and Swimming, Art & DT (Design Technology), Music, PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education) and Modern Foreign Languages.

We believe that school is an important influence on a child's development and our curriculum promotes the academic, physical, cultural, moral and social welfare of each individual pupil. It seeks to develop the potential of every child to prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life and provide a sound basis for future secondary school education.

In general, the school aims to produce happy pupils with sound moral values, who are both literate and numerate and who are hard-working, self-disciplined, considerate, responsible and sociable. We have recently re-designed our Curriculum around high interest themes/topics to ensure the requirement of New National Curriculum for England for each subject area are fully met.

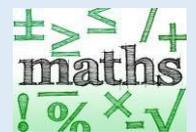
English (Reading, Writing and Spelling Punctuation & Grammar)



The children's ability in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar are developed across the curriculum to enable the children to communicate appropriately and effectively. We teach English as a discrete subject daily from Year 1 to Year 6.

Reading is taught initially using a phonics programme called 'Jolly Phonics', this is a synthetic phonics programme which follows closely the guidance of 'Letters and Sounds,' before moving onto our reading scheme. Oxford Reading Tree. The phonic programme is introduced in the Playgroup and consolidated throughout Early Years and Key Stage 1. Opportunities are also given during Key Stage 2 using this approach for further consolidation of phonics and spelling and some pupils undertake specific intervention programmes if they experience difficulties with reading.

Mathematics (Number Sense, Additive, Multiplicative and Geometric Reasoning)



Considerable importance is given to the children achieving and understanding mathematical processes, concepts and skills. A favourable attitude is emphasized by presenting it in an interesting and enjoyable way, allowing the children to actively participate in the learning process, thus creating a sense of achievement and confidence. There is a strong emphasis on the development of mental arithmetic and giving opportunities for pupils to use and apply mathematics in real life situations.

Maths is taught through a daily Maths lesson which follows the principles of the New National Curriculum for England. Class teachers also plan for opportunities to develop and apply key mathematical skills in other subjects throughout the year.

The school uses Collins Maths as a core scheme and aims for mastery in all areas.



Science (Biology, Physics & Chemistry)

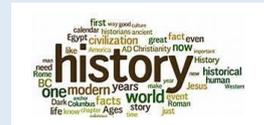
To enable the acquisition of a systematic, scientific approach to learning, developing useful knowledge, skills and attitudes about the world in which we live, science experience is presented to the children in a practical, relevant context. Systematic inquiry, analysis of problems, formation of ideas, their testing and modification are encouraged through whole class, group or individual investigations and project work, designed to arouse the children's natural curiosity. All the Science lessons in Key Stage 2 are taught at our Science Laboratory (Tech Centre) with a support of a Science Lab Technician.

History

At The Regent School Abuja, we view History not only as simple facts and

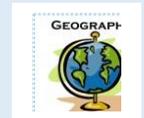
dates but encourage pupils to become detectives who explore the past in an exciting way. History is taught mainly through a topic based approach and gives pupils a chance to explore a wide range of sources from which the past may come alive.

We encourage first hand experiences through handling real artefacts and wherever possible arranging field work visits to relevant sites of historical interest in the region or bringing in specialists for in-school workshops.



Geography

In Geography, pupils develop their knowledge of people and places to understand the physical, social and economic forces which shape those places and the lifestyles of the people who live there. We study local areas/issues and extend these studies into the wider world. The children learn to use maps to locate cities, countries, mountain ranges, rivers, seas and oceans. They use atlases, photos and the internet to explore the environment and economics of those countries which they study. They then use the skills they have developed in English, Maths and Computing to report and record their findings.



PE (Physical Education) and Swimming

Pupils have 90 minutes of PE timetabled per week through which we develop the six areas of activity as set out in the New National Curriculum for England– Dance; Games; Gymnastics; Athletics; Outdoor and Adventurous activities; Swimming. Children are given the opportunity to swim during from Year 1 and we aim for all pupils leaving the school to be able to swim at least 25m.

Sports taught include football, netball, basketball, cricket, hockey and short tennis as, well as athletics.

Our pupils take part in a range of tournaments and sports festivals both within school and with other schools. As a member of COBIS (Council of British International Schools), we also send a team of children Key Stage 2 to compete in International Sporting events



Computing



Computers and other technological aids are used throughout the school.

Pupils have an hour of dedicated Computing lessons. These skills are taught as a discrete subject and as a means of supporting other areas of the curriculum. The children are encouraged to communicate ideas and information in a variety of forms, where appropriate, using equipment and computer software to enhance their learning. The school is Internet linked. We have Smart Board in every classroom. We have recently introduced Tablet technology to our school.



Art

The children are encouraged to be spontaneously creative, using a variety of media and techniques in art and craftwork. An awareness of colour, shape, balance, focus and proportion are developed alongside the use of symbols to convey ideas and feelings. The study of a wide range of artists, craftspeople and designers complements this work.

Design and Technology



Through Design and Technology, the children are encouraged to

identify, examine and solve practical problems and to make existing situations better. The children are encouraged to be inventive, using a range of materials and tools, thus developing, modifying and evaluating their ideas through a series of projects.



Music

The teaching of music is based upon the fact that it is a creative and social art to be enjoyed. Children have the opportunity to enjoy musical experiences through listening, singing, movement and dance and by playing tuned and un-tuned percussion. The pupils are given the opportunity to learn the recorder and other string and percussion instruments. We also offer our pupils the opportunity to participate in the school's Orchestra and Band.



Languages

Learning a foreign language provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience in preparation for future life. At The Regent School Abuja, the pupils learn French which is taught in a fun and enjoyable way through choosing interesting and relevant topics that will engage and stimulate learning and develop children's curiosity of language. We also offer Mandarin and Spanish as after school clubs.

Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

We aim to promote healthy, independent and responsible members of



society. We encourage all our pupils to play a positive role in contributing to school life and the wider community through class & school councils, fundraising events, supporting nominated charities and involvement in community activities. Our pupils are given opportunities in PSHCE, SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) lessons and assemblies to develop confidence, self-motivation and an understanding of their rights and responsibilities within our diverse society.