

SMAB Key Curriculum Drivers

At St Michael at Bowes, we believe in providing our pupils with the very best start to their lives. We strive every day to ensure that every child receives an holistic education that encompasses the following principles:

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

- Develops self-motivated learners who understand that learning happens everywhere, not just in school, and for the whole of their lives
- Develops independent thinkers who question and challenge, who thirst for new experiences and knowledge
- Provides engaging, relevant and exciting learning opportunities
- Prepares our pupils to flourish in life in the modern world

LINGUISTICALLY FOCUSED

- Develops pupils who are confident and effective communicators
- Develops pupils' abilities to transfer their skills to other languages
- Is rich with 1st hand experiences
- Is progressive and builds proactively on prior knowledge and skills to support learning
- Develops learners who are fully able to access all opportunities afforded to them

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

- Develops citizens who are committed to making their environment, community and wider world a better place
- Provides life experiences
- Encourages aspirational thinking for all
- Works to overcome the barriers which may prevent pupils from reaching their aspirations
- Explicitly promotes equality and diversity

CHARACTER BUILDING

- Is holistic – celebrating academic, personal, social, emotional and spiritual success
- Deepens faith, wherever that faith is rooted
- Develops well-balanced, resilient human beings
- Is learner-centred, encouraging pupils to take responsibility for themselves and others

