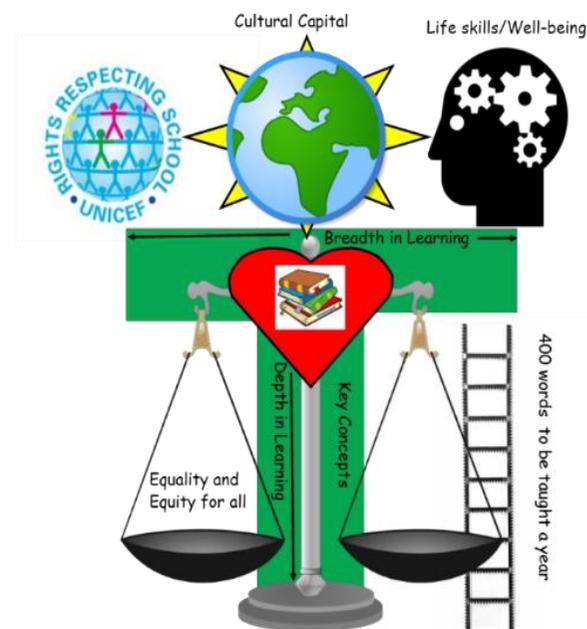


The Simonside Primary School Cultural Capital Offer 2025/2026

At Simonside Primary school we strive to make sure children have breadth and depth in their learning of curriculum subjects. Having cultural capital (knowledge and understanding of the world) is vital for reading comprehension, vocabulary acquisition and writing development across the curriculum.

Our Cultural Capital Offer provides unique and valuable learning experiences for your child.

Every year group will visit a rural and urban setting. On these visits, children will learn the geography, geology, history, meteorology and sociological aspects of each setting. By the end of their time in Y6 each child will have thorough knowledge of a wide range of settings which they can draw upon for academic and creative purposes.



Year Group	Rural and Urban settings	Being a Rights Respecting pupil who is knowledgeable about British Values:	Unforgettable/Curriculum experiences – making learning stick.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy; • The rule of law; • Individual liberty; • Mutual respect; • Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. 	
Nursery	A1 - Marvelous me – who am I and where do I belong?	Learning School values – Listen and learn, Be Kind, Show Respect	Birthday party, Christmas sing along and crafts with parents, Living chicks, Farm visit to school, Rock pool school visit to school.

	<p>A2 - Let's celebrate – Fireworks night, Diwali, Remembrance, Birthdays, Christmas</p> <p>Sp1 - On the move – vehicles</p> <p>Sp2 – The circle of life – life cycles of humans, minibeasts/animals.</p> <p>Su1 - Down at the farm</p> <p>Su 2 - All at Sea</p>	<p>Rights Respecting bears – what are rights? Why do we have rights? Fairness and equality. PSE SCARF curriculum</p> <p>Oracy 21 – helping children to find and their use voice. Celebrating terrific talkers, super star listeners etc.</p>	
Reception	<p>A1 Who am I and where do I belong? (Homes, local area, school, family, friends)</p> <p>A2 – What do different groups of people celebrate during Autumn months?</p> <p>Sp1 - a trip to the Arctic/Antarctic – Where is this place? How would we get there? Who lives there? How is this place same/different to where we live?</p> <p>Sp2 – A trip to Africa - Where is this place? How would we get there? Who lives there? How is this place same/different to where we live?</p> <p>Su 1 – Once upon a time Traditional stories.</p> <p>How does your garden grow? Life cycles of plants.</p>	<p>Learning School values – Listen and learn, Be Kind, Show Respect</p> <p>Rights Respecting bears – what are rights? Why do we have rights? Fairness and equality. PSE SCARF curriculum</p> <p>Oracy 21 – helping children to find and their use voice. Celebrating terrific talkers, super star listeners etc.</p>	<p>Seasonal walks to explore what is happening outside during the changing seasons.</p> <p>Seasonal celebrations – Christmas, Easter, etc</p> <p>Growing their own flowers, vegetables at school.</p> <p>Local area trip.</p> <p>Visit to Northumberland Zoo.</p> <p>End of Reception celebration event.</p>

	Su2 – All around the World My local area – making maps. Spain, France and Italy – How are these places the same/different to where we live? Homes, food, languages, famous buildings.		
Key Stage 1	Rural Weetslade Park Urban Quayside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School election for Prime Minister, class voting for school councillors and Rights Respecting Ambassadors, agreeing in content of Class Charter. ✓ Celebration of different religious festivals ✓ Celebrating diversity in the classroom Celebrating individual and collective achievements and sharing these with parents and carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School Grounds walk ✓ Virtual local area walk ✓ Author Book Show at Theatre Royal ✓ Author visit in school ✓ Polar Express day ✓ Christmas pantomime ✓ Reading PACTs ✓ Skip2Bfit ✓ Teddy Bears picnic ✓ Special guest from the past ✓ Tesla car visit ✓ Litter pick Washington Wetland Centre visit
Lower Key Stage 2	Rural Gosforth Nature Reserve Urban Central Station/ Centre for Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Manifesto writing and voting in Simonside General Election ✓ Visitors from people in different careers/Careers Fair. Children have the right to choose what they would like to be when they grow up. ✓ School Council, RRSA, – voicing their opinions and beliefs in a safe environment. ✓ Oracy 21 – helping children to find and their use voice. 	Christmas production <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Dodgeball competition · Cricket trip (key transition children) · Skip2Bfit · The Grinch gift hunt · Byker household waste and recycling centre · TTRockstars Rock Days · Science workshop at secondary school · Computing – Editing workshop with ICT Consultant

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Debating chamber – learning to show mutual respect despite differing opinions. ✓ Visit to school by local MP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Italian food tasting/Italy day · Destination Space at Centre for Life · Bikeability
Upper Stage 2	<p>Key</p> <p>Rural - Ford Castle (Y6 only) and Rising Sun Country Park (all UKS2 in Spring term)</p> <p>Urban – Visit to Sunderland City Centre (Winter Gardens – Autumn 2 and Newcastle City Centre (Dance City/ Hancock Museum – Autumn 2/Spring 2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Manifesto writing and voting in Simonside General Election ✓ Visitors from people in different careers/Careers Fair. Children have the right to choose what they would like to be when they grow up. ✓ School Council, RRSA, – voicing their opinions and beliefs in a safe environment. ✓ Oracy 21 – helping children to find and their use voice. ✓ Debating chamber – learning to show mutual respect despite differing opinions. ✓ Visit to school by local MP ✓ Visit to school by singer (Black History Month) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens (Brazil and Rainforests) • Performance by the Ballet Cymru – Dance City Theatre • Visit to Rising Sun Country Park (Anglo Saxons) • Computing workshops with GEM Education • Careers Fair (Y6) • Visit to Hancock Museum (Vikings) • Carol singing in the community • Skip2Bfit • Y5/6 Sports events – Dodgeball, Orienteering, Sportshall Athletics • Bikeability (Y5) • Swimming (Y5) • Ford Castle Residential (Y6) • Swimming at RGS (Y6) • After School Drama Group – New Writing North • Family Learning – New Writing North

❖ Article of the Week: The whole school focuses on a different article every week. These are taught through the curriculum, in class, in assemblies, at breaktimes and in the dinner hall.

- ❖ A variety of after school clubs offer extended provision e.g. sports clubs and yoga.
- ❖ High quality assemblies teach and promote British Values and what it means to respect rights.
- ❖ School is responsive to local, national and global events, initiatives and charity work e.g. Children in Need, supporting refugees, Black History month, Remembrance.