

Our Curriculum

Barrs Court Primary School

January 2023

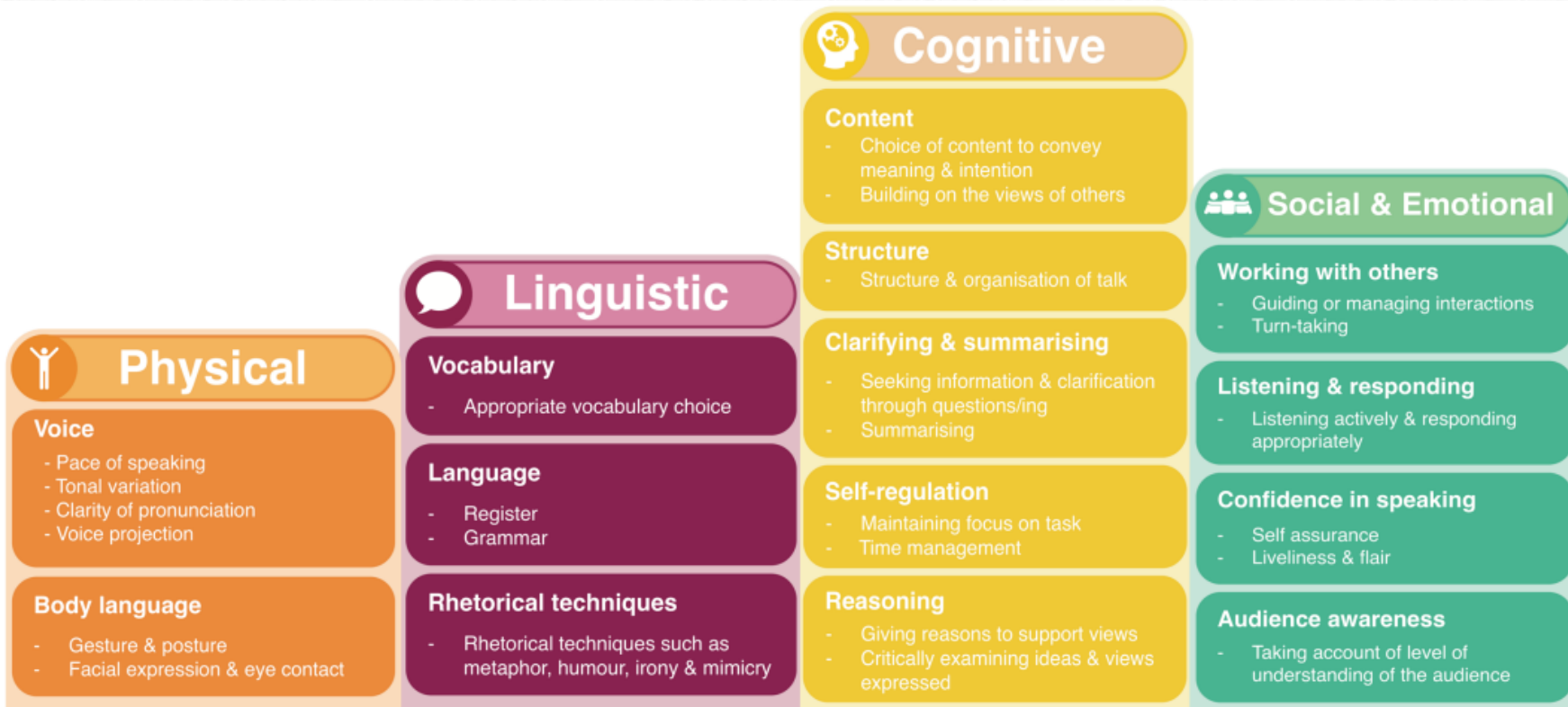
Why?

- Topics in old curriculum not linked – difficult to make links between prior learning and current learning
- Wanted to embrace locality and community
- Wanted to look at issues effecting the world today
- Wanted a curriculum matched to our school values of
Determination, Respect, Curiosity, Pride and Joy.

Curriculum Intention

- To create a culture of enquiry , curiosity and challenge that permeates everything we do.
- Incorporate oracy
- Increase cultural capital
- Prioritise reading

Oracy



Cultural Capital

- Enhancing the experiences and opportunities for children
- Giving them the best possible start to their education
- The essential knowledge that children need to be educated citizens
- Preparing children with the knowledge and skills for what comes next.
- Trips, visitors, residential visits, clubs, vibrant curriculum developing curiosity

Reading

- Reading for pleasure
- Library sessions
- Adults reading to children as well as children reading to adults
- Reading is the heart of the school and our curriculum

What does our curriculum do?

- Teach children to ask great questions and think critically
- Make things

- Work collaboratively
- Speak confidently and listen actively
- Be aspirational and self-organising
- Be enquiring and curious
- Protect their own physical and mental health and care for others
- Build positive relationships and contribute to their community
- Value nature and care for environment
- Engage actively and creatively
- Set them up to live successfully

Enquiry Curriculum

- What is an enquiry curriculum?
- First enquiries taught in January 2022
- Worked with *Ali* at *Curious City*
- Two year cycle
- Parent curriculum webs on website each term for each enquiry
- Challenges at end of each enquiry – parents invited
- Floor books and pupil voice

States of Being

- Geographer, Scientist, Engineer, Historian, Artist



This year...

- Enquiry books – clear progression
- All enquiry lessons start by reviewing prior knowledge already learnt
- Keepy uppie sessions
- Continue to develop teaching pedagogy of enquiry
- Continue to work with Ali from Curious City
- Jess Davies will take over curriculum lead whilst Katie Warlow is on maternity leave

Website

- Curriculum section on website
- Curriculum webs for each enquiry on website – area pages
- Homework linked to enquiry on website – area pages
- Knowledge documents for each state of being on website
- Facebook page used to celebrate the curriculum learning

What Next?

- 3 year plan to develop states of being further within our curriculum
- Year 1 – Geographer and Scientist
- Year 2 – Historian and Artist
- Year 3 – Engineer
- Curriculum continued to be adapted and improved all the time as the world we live in changes over time