Curriculum Rationale for St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School

INTENT	**OUR AIMS**	Ensuring SUCCESS			Providing OPPORTUNITY			Fostering STEWARDSHIP				
	OUR VALUES	DEDICATION			EMPATHY			FORGIVENESS			GENEROSITY	
	PRINCIPLES	Spirituality, responsibility & stewardship	Positive learning behaviours	Confidence & self-belief	Social justice, equity & sustainable living	Philosophical, enquiry & creative thinking	Good communication	Performance skills	Safe & healthy lifestyles & relationships	Entrepreneurial spirit	Characteristics of High Quality of Teaching and Learning	Mastery of learning

IMPLEMENTATION	**CORE ESSENTIALS**	ENGLISH Fidelity to a SSIP for phonics. Promoting a love of reading. Exposure to high quality texts – school reading spine. Development of fluency and comprehension Writing with a clear purpose – use of text drivers. Explicit teaching of high-quality vocabulary. High quality adult modelling & subject knowledge. Integrated teaching of spelling, punctuation & grammar. Explicit teaching of proof-reading, editing & re-drafting skills.			MATHEMATICS Development of a coherent learning journey. Development of fluency. Subtle & carefully planned variation. Systematic development and refinement of reasoning and problem-solving skills.			RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Bring people to know Christ. Bring people to follow Christ. Put their faith into action. Promoting the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.		CURRICULUM TOPICS Planning overviews that set out progression of learning. Hook events that engage and excite pupils about the learning ahead. Careful choice of learning resources builds and sustains engagement. Retrieval practice. Topic showcases deepen and celebrate pupils' understanding.	
	Other N.C. SUBJECTS	SCIENCE	HISTORY	GEOGRAPHY	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	ART & DESIGN	COMPUTING	MUSIC	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT	M.F.L.
	E.Y.F.S.	CoEL – PLAYING & EXPLORING			CoEL – ACTIVE LEARNING			CoEL- CREATING & THINKING CRITICALLY			
		COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE	PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT	PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	LITERACY	MATHS		UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD	EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN		
	WIDER CURRICULUM	EDUCATIONAL VISITS	VISITORS	BRITISH VALUES	EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM	RESPONDING TO EVENTS IN THE NEWS & COMMUNITY	OUTREACH & CHARITY WORK	FAMILY LEARNING EVENTS		

IMPACT	**Our curriculum has an ambition of high achievement of all pupils regardless of background or starting point. This achievement is represented in 3 key areas.**	Ensure SUCCESS ✓ academically; ✓ in children's progress; ✓ in relationships; ✓ and help children become confident and successful with positive attitudes to learning and behaviour.	Provide OPPORTUNITIES ✓ making memorable experiences; ✓ which meet the needs of the National Curriculum; ✓ which build on knowledge & skills across the school. ✓ which produce well-rounded learners who have the knowledge, skills and understanding to support them in the next phase of their education.	Foster STEWARDSHIP ✓ so children demonstrate the School values in their approach to all that they do; ✓ so children carry out acts of social justice; ✓ encouraging children to be stewards of all that they have; ✓ so, children live out their faith, serving God by helping others.