



THE BEDIFFERENT FEDERATION Subject Themed Days 2023-2024

Rationale

To ensure that all foundation subjects receive dedicated, high quality teaching time, several subjects will now be taught in discrete themed days. Each half term, teachers will plan and deliver a dedicated Art and Design day, a Geography themed day, a Music day, a Religious Education themed day and a Citizenship day. Citizenship will encompass Mental Fitness, the BeDifferent Future curriculum and our Strength Lies in Difference curriculum. In the summer term, we will include additional History and Science themed days, to raise the profile of these subjects too. These themed days will be given an overarching focus linked to the National Curriculum. It is essential that we are able to demonstrate a progression in the skills children develop as they move through the school as well as ensuring that they remember the knowledge they have acquired.

Implementation

Moving forward, we will plan a maximum of 5 themed days per half term. Each day will be delivered in two halves, allowing an opportunity to revisit the learning from the first half within the second session. Teachers will have flexibility within a designated fortnight to plan their two half days, to allow for better access to resources. We ask that you vary the days that you plan for your themed afternoon to ensure that those children with the poorest attendance have the chance to be able to access the appropriate learning when they are in school.

In addition, we will timetable a weekly 'soundbyte' check, during which we will provide children with an opportunity to revise and remember the learning outcomes from their previous themed days.

