

‘Shine like stars’ Philippians 2:15

Here at **Lowdham CofE Primary School**, we are shaping the future. We are building the foundations for a passion for learning and exploration, for developing caring and independent thinkers. Through our exciting and enriched curriculum, we are helping to create scientists, poets, artists and explorers, readers, dancers, musicians and lovers of sports. Everything we plan, teach and encourage here is designed deliberately to develop young learners feel that they can excel in different areas and experience plenty. Our motto underpins all this: **‘Shine like stars’** from the book of Philippians (2:15) is the driving force behind our conversations, our plans and is seen in and out of the classrooms every day.

We aim to have every child *shining*. Regardless of their background, their context or their arrival in school, we present opportunities from learning in the classroom to residential, visits and our Forest School. Everything is shaped to give these chances to the children in our care.

We understand the obvious need for children to leave us at the end of Key Stage 2 being good readers, confident mathematicians and with a strong sense of purpose and self-esteem. Our curriculum is designed as such to enable children and staff to flourish in many ways and for them to exceed expectations – to shine!

Our curriculum is built around engaging topics that fit in with the National Curriculum and suit the area in which we live. The children have a voice that is heard through our worship leaders, our sports leaders, our pupil council and our eco team. They suggest ideas and initiatives that will engage the other children and that aid their learning of key concepts. Many educational visits and visitors are used to help bring the curriculum to life and to give the children access to the past and the future.

As a Church of England school, we uphold the CofE’s values and entwine them with our own. We have **five values (LEARN)** that are all linked with a key Bible verse. These values underpin our collective worship time, the policies we create, the decisions we make and the flow of learning. All 5 values unpack our motto and show the children how they can *shine like stars*.

Love others; Everybody join in; Always do your best; Reach out; Never give up.