

*Canberra Primary
School and Early Years
Class*

CURRICULUM
RATIONALE
2023



Our Vision, Values and Aims

Our shared vision, values and aims, co-constructed with our community, underpin everything that we do at Canberra

Our Vision

Nurturing,
Inspiring, Striving
and Working
Together at
Canberra and
Beyond

Our Values

Happiness
Belonging
Respect
Inclusion
Honesty
Safety

Our Aims

To promote a culture of hard work,
dedication and Growth Mindset

To create an innovative and flexible
learning environment that
encourages achievement for all

To encourage a school community
where everyone feels they belong
and no-one is left out

To ensure that we all have the
confidence and skills to maximise
our potential





What makes Canberra special?

We asked our children, parents and staff:

What makes Canberra special and should impact on our Curriculum design?

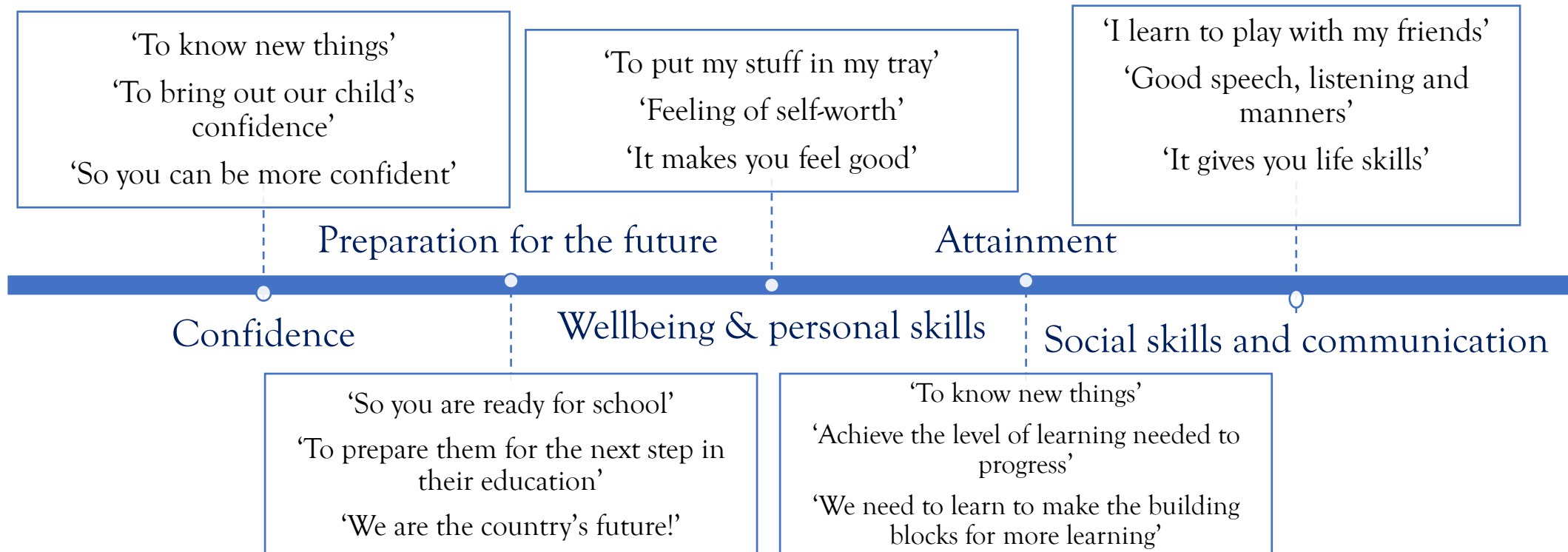
They identified:

- Our friendly, caring and nurturing ethos leading to Our Canberra Family
- The strong, positive relationships between children, staff and parents
- The high quality of learning and teaching
- The personalised support available to every child and family
- Our Curriculum
- Our learning environments



Why is learning important?

We asked what our community thinks our curriculum should achieve



What should we be learning about?

We asked our community about their priorities within Curriculum for Excellence. We ensure that a particular emphasis is put on these areas within the broad and balanced CfE curriculum that we offer.



Literacy & languages

Reading
Writing
Listening & Talking
French



Science

Focused STEM learning supplemented with Interdisciplinary learning



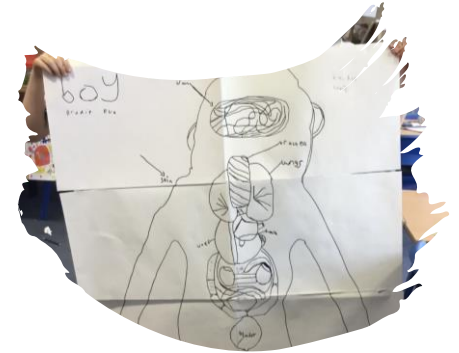
Numeracy

For learning, life and work



Social Studies

Through Interdisciplinary contexts, linked to rights, protected characteristics and fusion skills



Health & Wellbeing

Mental, physical and emotional health



What skills do we need to learn?

The Fusion Skills provide a strong foundation for learning and we asked our community to rank them from most to least important to help us prioritise them in our curriculum.



Problem Solving

‘Problem solving skills so you can overcome obstacles in the right order’

‘Threading’



Written & Spoken Communication

‘Communication skills’

‘Answering questions’

‘How to write my name’



Team Work

‘Friendship as you will need to use teamwork for stuff’

‘Sharing with toys’

‘Supporting and encouraging other people’



Independent Working

‘Organise self’

‘Understanding and following instructions’

‘To learn life skills’



Resilience

‘How to control our emotions’

‘PATHS skills (emotional regulation & resilience)’

What skills do we need to learn?



Creativity

‘How to make a train track’

‘Using technologies’

‘Focus on individual talent’



Critical Thinking

‘How to read more challenging books’

‘Creative thinker’



Adaptability

‘Working with others-people you don’t usually work with’

‘Having tools and strategies to cope in a variety of situations’



Organisational Skills

‘Time management skills’

‘Organise self e.g. packed lunch’



Analysis & Evaluation

‘How to write my name’

‘How to use scissors’





Appendices

Our consultation with the children
of Canberra can be found on the
next few slides

What makes Canberra Special?

Early Years responses

**Making
pictures**

Friends

Jigsaws

Toys

**All the
children
we have**

**Playing
with my
friends**

**Learning
how to
draw a
monster**

**Playing
with my
friends**

**Because
you play
with toys**

**You play
with
babies
(dolls)**

**I love
building
with the
blocks**

**Because I
see my
friends**

**I do lots of fun
things like
nature
adventures
and mudslides**

**It's fun when
you play in the
mud kitchen**

**I can
see my
brother**

**It's got lots of
toys. I like to
play with the
shop.**

**I like to
paint
pictures**

What makes Canberra Special?

Tay & Foyers House responses



What makes Canberra Special?

Tweed & Findhorn House responses



Why is learning important?

Early Years responses

To get
ready for
school

It's good
to learn

To
become
clever

I learn to
play with
my
friends

Because it
is fun

To put my
stuff in
my tray

Practise
every day

Because we
know how to
share with
toys

Because
it's fun

So you are
ready for
school

To know
new
things

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What should we be learning about?

Early Years responses

**Mixing
paint**

Drawing

Outdoors

Routines

Building

Kitchen

Numbers

**Reading
books**

Patterns

Weather

**To play
with the
kitchen**

**To put my
shoes on**

**About
plants
and stuff**

Shapes

**The
babies**

**Computers
and ipads**

**Outdoor fun -
having new
things in the
mud kitchen**

**I want to
learn new
things like
tricks**

**New
stories**

**New
water
toys**

What should we be learning about?

Tay & Foyers House responses

What should we be learning about?



Geography	Under the sea	French	
The Titanic	you need to read	learning to read in different languages	I'd like to learn more about history. I think it's important to know about the past.
Money and finance	you need to learn about everything because if you don't you won't know stuff when people ask you	reading and spelling so you know what big words say	I think we should learn a bit more about science to help us prepare for high school
Inventors	lawyers and judges	You learn about families and sports and gymnastics	Learning about different countries on the globe
vocabulary	Maths	stock market and stock values	History
			I'd like to learn more about wars




We need to learn to write properly so that people understand us	We need to learn some maths and homework and listen to the teacher	
(More) science	Free time reading	More numeracy - addition
Learn more science	Handwriting	More time for topic
We need to learn maths and numeracy to help us in life such as working in a shop	It is important to learn about how our world and environment works and how we can look after it	Learning how to read to help us in life such as when we are at work

What should we be learning about?

Tweed & Findhorn House responses



What skills do we need to learn?

Tay & Foyers House responses



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What skills do we need to learn?

Early Years responses



What skills do we need to learn?

Tweed & Findhorn House responses

Understanding and following instructions	Hand-eye coordination	Communication skills
How to read more challenging books	Shape	Working with others - people you don't usually work with
Dividing, adding and subtracting	Forming letters for better handwriting	Reading skills
Multiplying	Bus stop method for dividing	Time management skills
Fancy handwriting	Comprehension	Organisation skills

What skills do we need to learn?



Reading	Mental Maths	Friendship as you will need to use teamwork for stuff
Controlling our emotions	Confidence - build up your reading	Target based tasks
Writing skills	Learn to be honest because honesty is the best policy. Own up to your mistakes.	Problem solving skills so you can overcome obstacles in the right order
Handwriting	Spelling so you are prepared for an interview	Teamwork skills
	Problem solving	Helping people so you have friends

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