**Curriculum Overview**

**Grange View CE First School Curriculum statement 2015-16**

**Grange View CE First School offers a curriculum that is balanced and broadly based. Our curriculum promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and prepares pupils for the opportunities and responsibilities and experiences of later life.**

**At Grange View CE First School pupils are taught the three core subjects and the seven foundation subjects that make up the National Curriculum. They also study RE and follow a course to further their personal social and health development. This includes the citizenship aspect of the National Curriculum. The National Curriculum documentation forms the basis of our school curriculum policies since the New Curriculum came into force in September 2014.**

**The content of our Religious Education provision is in line with the Northumberland agreed syllabus and as a Voluntary Controlled Church School, with the consent of Governors we supplement the locally agreed syllabus with units from the Diocesan Syllabus. This is quite usual practice particularly with regards to the Christian units e.g. Festivals. A parent’s right to request that their child is withdrawn from RE and identified aspects of sex education is respected by the Governing body.**

**As a church school we make provision for a daily act of worship and teach religious education at every key stage.**

**To deliver the curriculum teachers employ a variety of teaching methods and styles. Pupils are taught as a whole class, in small groups, and as individuals depending on the needs of the pupil and the learning intention of the lesson. Similarly, pupils may be grouped by ability, friendship, interest, age, or placed in mixed ability groups, depending on what is being taught. This variety of approach allows the teacher to match curriculum based tasks to the ability and interest of individual pupils.**

**From September 2015 all year groups will follow the new National Curriculum (2014)**

**As from September 2015 all year groups will using the new programmes of study set out in the National Curriculum (2014) for Mathematics, English, Science and Foundation subjects: (Art & Design, Design Technology, Computing (formerly known as Information Technology), Music, History, Geography and Physical Education.**

**The school uses a cross-curricular approach to teaching and learning where possible. This means that skills, knowledge and understanding across a range of subjects are brought together and form a unit of work. Within the unit of work, children are able to practise and apply their reading, maths and English skills in other subject areas. Our ‘Long Term Plans’ show each year group’s overview of our units of work and curriculum learning.**