



Richardson Dees Curriculum Design

At Richardson Dees, we have thought very carefully about what and how we teach our pupils. We have conducted research, read evidence-informed approaches and know that the successful studies completed by Barak Rosenshine is the pedagogical approach that is right for our children. *The Principles of Instruction* advocated by Rosenshine, focus on how our brains acquire new knowledge and retain that knowledge whilst not becoming cognitively overloaded.

During their school life, children are expected to acquire a vast amount of new information and skills. We have thought very carefully about what it is we want our children to know by the end of their time with us at Richardson Dees and how that knowledge can be conveyed in meaningful way that is accessible for all our pupils.

We firmly believe that our **Seven Superpowers** will equip our pupils with the necessary skills to be successful in life and that alongside those skills and attributes, the knowledge they acquire on the way should be manageable, so that they can make sense of it and ultimately retain it for future use.

In line with Rosenshine's *Principles of Instruction*, lessons at Richardson Dees will include a variety of the following methods:

- Beginning a lesson with a short review of previous learning
- Presenting new material in small steps
- Asking lots of varied question types
- Providing models of the tasks
- Giving pupils time to practice
- Regularly checking for understanding
- Expecting and obtaining a high success rate
- Providing scaffolds
- Requiring and monitoring independent practice
- Engaging students in weekly reviews

We have regular conversations with both staff and pupils to gather their views on the teaching and learning of subjects. We listen and respond to their feedback to ensure staff and pupils know we value their role in the teaching and learning journey.

The ambition here at Richardson Dees, is that all pupils leave us with a solid foundation of knowledge and skills that will support and prepare them to access the next stage in their educational journey.

Our Curriculum is designed to ignite curiosity, spark imagination and foster interests in subjects so that children begin to think about their potential beyond their time here at Richardson Dees.

