

# Primary Curriculum Outline (Nursery - Year 6)



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# Welcome To Early Years

**Age Range 2-5 years**

**Year Groups: Nursery, Kindergarten, Reception**

**Key Contact: Mrs Kate Shaffer (Head of Early Years and Primary)**

S107's Early Years Centre focuses on developing the whole child. At the heart of our beliefs is an understanding and respect for young children as unique, capable, and curious learners. Using the English Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum as our starting point, students and teachers come together each day to investigate, play, build relationships, and create shared meaning about the world around them. Our dedicated centre provides indoor and outdoor learning spaces where your child will find a home away from home with plenty of room to grow.





# Early Years Subject Overview

## Prime Areas

Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development

## Specific Areas

Literacy, Understanding the World, Mathematics, Expressive Arts and Design

## Specialist Areas

PE, Swimming, Music, Thai (Reception)





# Why choose our Early Years Programme?

## Unique Child

At S107 we recognise that every child is unique and learns and explores in different ways. We strive to develop each child to their full potential by offering a play based approach to learning and development, taking individual interests, needs and learning styles into account. A rich curriculum supports development in the following areas building on children's interests.

## Positive Relationships

Relationships are at the heart of S107's Early Years Centre. We foster a sense of belonging for each child by being sensitive and responsive to the children's needs, feelings and interests. Children are supported to build strong relationships with their teachers, their peers and their learning environment. At the heart of our teaching is valuing the children's efforts and independence in order for them to become confident and life-long learners.

## Enabling Environments

Children learn and develop in enabling environments in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between school and home. Our Early Years Centre benefits from extensive indoor and outdoor provision which provides rich opportunities through play and support for children to take risks and explore. Teachers observe and listen to children, asking questions to discover their ideas and curiosities. With this understanding, teachers act as a support and a resource for children, considering how children's thinking might be guided toward new discoveries.



# Welcome To Primary

**Age Range 5-11 years**

**Year Groups: Years 1 to 6**

**Key Contact: Mrs Kate Shaffer (Head of Early Years and Primary)**

Our Primary curriculum has been developed to incorporate the coverage and rigour of the English National Curriculum, but taught through an inquiry based approach which encourages students apply their knowledge and make connections. Our curriculum provides children with authentic learning experiences that explore real-world problems by going beyond subject boundaries. The themes cover and incorporate meaningful links between subjects, whilst still maintaining academic rigour.

Learning in primary is centred around the whole child, providing meaningful learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, via a wide range of academic, enrichment, extra curricular, sporting and residential activities.





# Primary Subject Overview

## Specialist Subjects

PE, Swimming, Music, MFL French or Mandarin, Thai, Art and DT

## Core Subjects

Literacy, Maths, Science

## Humanities

History, Geography, Computing, PSHE





# Why choose our Primary Programme?

## Teaching and Learning

Our belief is that children learn best through hands-on experiences, in an environment where they are active participants in their learning. S107's teachers are experienced and passionate about children's learning and development. Classes are taught by qualified international teachers and supported by Teaching Assistants working together to support children's progress. Our teachers are experts at leading the learning and plan core subjects in literacy, mathematics, arts, science, and social studies including geography and history. This is enhanced by specialists teaching classes in art, design and technology, music, physical education, swimming and world languages.

Collaborative learning is at the heart of our curriculum, and helps to foster the development of skills that contribute to students' personal, emotional and academic success. We recognise the potential of each child and adopt an inclusive approach that accommodates different learning styles and needs.

## Caring Community

At S107, we are proud of our small community feel, where relationships come first. Our students are supported to build strong relationships with their teachers, their peers and the wider school. Meaningful links are made between school and home, as we recognise the importance of each child's home and family experience in supporting their development. We celebrate the diverse international community we serve through celebrations of important cultural events throughout the year, always striving to include all members through events such as our popular international day.


Social-emotional development is integrated into the curriculum and learning, and is supported by services such as student counselling.




## Outside the Classroom

Experiential learning outside the classroom through class trips and community action inspires students and enriches the broad curriculum. Our vast green campus with extensive natural space is used extensively to support outdoor learning. Children are also encouraged to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities to broaden their experiences, from the arts, to sports and academics. From Year 3 upwards, students participate in annual Residential trips, to deepen the learning and develop their teamwork, independence, responsibility towards the environment, and eco-awareness.

# The Parent Experience

A photograph of two young girls in school uniforms. The girl on the left is wearing a blue and white striped shirt and is smiling. The girl on the right is wearing a blue and white polo shirt and is also smiling. They are standing in front of a building with a white wall and a blue door.

"S107 offers a really friendly, family-like environment and community that makes our entire family feel comfortable and connected to the school as part of our everyday life. The teachers at Early Years are all really hands-on and welcoming. They do a great job teaching our two children academics and helping them grow as individuals and learn important life skills such as independence, communication and confidence. As parents, we have made many new friends through the school, and we would highly recommend S107 for those looking for a world-class education within a welcoming community."

A photograph of a man and a young girl in school uniforms. The man is on the left, wearing a light blue shirt and glasses, and is smiling. The girl is on the right, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, and is also smiling. They are standing in front of a building with a white wall and a blue door.

"To our family S107 is: a school where we get all the smiles, a school where we feel warm, a school where we believe the power of praise to students, and a school where there is happiness in learning."



# Learning Beyond the Classroom

## Teaching and Learning

Built into our weekly timetable for Years 1-6, we provide a wide range of Enrichment Activities in order to expand our student's traditional curriculum offerings and build on their skills in a range of areas. Students are able to make their own choices about Enrichment Activities to take part in. Examples of activities on offer are Baking, Podcasting, Gymnastics, Guitar, Cricket, Drama, Sewing, Chemistry and more...

## Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs)

We have a wide range of Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs) on offer for our Early Years and Primary students after school throughout the school year. These include sporting activities, Football Academy, Creative Arts, Cooking and Baking, Tech and Computing, Sensory and Outdoor Play and more.



## Trips and Residential

Classroom learning experiences are enhanced by numerous day trips (all year groups) and residential trips (Years 3-6) which serve as extensions to the curriculum. The S107 trips integrate academic and social development by providing students with an opportunity to investigate and apply academic knowledge to the outside world as well as develop their personal and social skills, through a broad range of activities, such as hiking, orienteering, camping, kayaking, farming and more.

The motivational opportunities our students have on our trips can also help them discover new interests and develop many skills such as:

- Collaboration
- Problem solving
- Communication
- Resilience



# A *Community* That *Succeeds*

