Personal Development

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Civic Engagement	Arts and Culture	Nature, Outdoors and Adventure	Sport and Physical Activity	Wider Life and Future Skills
School governor visitors	Museum visits	Shawl Park visits	Balance Bike Day	Fire Service visitors
Police visitors and Police Dogs	Into Film Festival	Local area walks	Bikeability	Paramedic visitors and First Aid training
Vicar visitor	Theatre visits	Rivers fieldwork	Swimming lessons	Dentist visitors
St Matthew's Church visits	Artist visitors	Caves visit	Football competitions	People Who Help Us visitors
Mosque visits	Swaledale Festival Music Performance	Carlton Lodge residential	Tennis competitions	Construction Worker visitor
Hindu Temple visit	Yorkshire Music Hub	City residential	Dodgeball competitions	Science Week and Live Lessons
Islamic Diversity Centre visitor	Singing in Leyburn	Dales Countryside Museum	Cross-country events	Richmond School science visit
Humanist visitor	Tournament of Song	OPAL outdoor play programme	Orienteering	Wensleydale School visit
Sierra Leone visitor links	Dance Workshop	Yorkshire Water Rivers Van	Multiskills festivals	Transition days to secondary schools

Black History Month	KS1 and KS2 performances	Protecting the environment learning	Skipping Festival	Money and work curriculum
Comic Relief	Carol Concert	Looking after the environment learning	Sports Day	Careers and aspirations learning
Children in Need	Art Club	Learning Outside the Classroom activities	Superteams	Safer Internet Day and e-safety education
Parent engagement events	Music Club	Nature Club	Gym Club	Mental Health Week and wellbeing assemblies
Belonging to a community themes in PSHE	Choir		Bike Club	Crucial Crew
Rights, freedoms and responsibilities learning	World Book Day		Playground Leaders	Financial education
Diversity, equality and anti-discrimination learning	Film Club		Skip2BFit	Leadership opportunities
Town Planning Committee				
Kirkwood Hall Visits				

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Access and Inclusion

We are committed to ensuring that all pupils benefit from a rich and varied personal development offer. To support this, dedicated curriculum time is provided each week for enrichment activities, enabling every child to participate regardless of their individual circumstances. This approach removes barriers to participation and ensures equitable access to a wide range of extra-curricular experiences, including sport, creative arts, outdoor learning, leadership opportunities and special interest clubs. As a result, all pupils are able to develop their interests, talents, confidence and social skills through meaningful enrichment opportunities.

Civic Engagement

Pupils develop an understanding of their role within the community and wider society through a range of visits, visitors and curriculum experiences. These include visits to places of worship such as St Matthew's Church, mosques and a Hindu temple, alongside learning opportunities delivered by visitors representing a range of faiths and beliefs. Pupils learn about diversity, democracy, rights and responsibilities through the PSHE curriculum and participate in charitable initiatives such as Comic Relief and Children in Need. Strong community links and parent engagement events further promote active citizenship and belonging.

Arts and Culture

Pupils benefit from a wide range of cultural and creative experiences. These include museum visits, theatre performances, film events, music workshops and local singing festivals. Opportunities to participate in choir, music and art clubs, dance workshops, school productions and concerts allow pupils to develop confidence, creativity and appreciation of the arts. Annual events such as World Book Day further enrich pupils' cultural capital.

Nature, Outdoors and Adventure

Leyburn Primary School provides numerous opportunities for pupils to engage with the natural environment and benefit from outdoor learning. These include local area studies, rivers fieldwork, cave exploration and visits linked to environmental education. Residential visits promote

independence, resilience and teamwork, while outdoor learning activities encourage pupils to develop confidence, curiosity and a sense of adventure.

A particular strength of the school's provision is the implementation of the **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme**. Through high-quality, child-led outdoor play, pupils have daily opportunities to develop resilience, creativity, problem-solving, communication and teamwork skills. OPAL promotes inclusion by ensuring all pupils can access meaningful play experiences and encourages pupils to take appropriate risks, negotiate with others and develop independence. The programme is closely aligned with the DfE Enrichment Benchmarks, particularly those relating to accessibility, pupil engagement, personal development, community involvement and outcomes-focused provision. OPAL has transformed playtimes into a rich enrichment experience, helping pupils to develop confidence, leadership, social skills and emotional wellbeing while fostering a lifelong appreciation of outdoor activity and the natural environment.

Sport and Physical Activity

A strong sporting offer supports pupils in developing healthy lifestyles and positive attitudes towards physical activity. Pupils participate in a wide range of competitive and recreational activities including swimming, football, dodgeball, tennis, cross-country, orienteering, cycling and skipping events. Whole-school events such as Sports Day and Superteams encourage participation and teamwork, while leadership roles and extra-curricular clubs help pupils to develop confidence, resilience and sportsmanship.

Wider Life and Future Skills

The curriculum helps pupils develop the knowledge, confidence and practical skills needed for future success. Visitors from a variety of professions, including emergency services, healthcare and construction, broaden pupils' understanding of careers and the wider world. Opportunities such as first aid training, Crucial Crew, financial education, careers learning, transition programmes and science enrichment activities equip pupils with essential life skills. A strong focus on online safety, mental wellbeing and leadership further ensures that pupils are well prepared for the next stage of their education and for adult life.

Assessing Impact

The impact of our personal development and enrichment offer is evaluated through an annual Year 6 pupil survey, which measures pupils' views on the personal development opportunities they have experienced throughout their time at the school. The survey gathers pupil voice on key areas including inclusion and belonging, skills development, readiness for secondary school and the

question, "*What kind of person do you think you have become during your time here?*" Findings provide strong evidence of the positive impact of the school's provision. In the most recent survey, **70.4% of pupils reported becoming more confident in trying new things**, while **63% stated that their oracy and communication skills had improved**. Furthermore, when asked which skill they felt would be most useful as they moved on to secondary school, **80.8% identified confidence as their most significant area of development**. These outcomes demonstrate the effectiveness of the school's carefully planned enrichment and personal development offer in developing confident, articulate and resilient learners who are well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Summary

The school's personal development programme provides a coherent and progressive offer that enables pupils to become responsible citizens, appreciate arts and culture, engage with the natural world, lead healthy and active lifestyles, and develop the skills required for future education, employment and life in modern Britain. The breadth and quality of opportunities ensure that all pupils are exceptionally well prepared for life beyond primary school.