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





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

'To know new things'

'To bring out our child's confidence'

'So you can be more confident'

'To put my stuff in my tray'

'Feeling of self-worth'

'It makes you feel good'

'I learn to play with my friends'

'Good speech, listening and manners'

'It gives you life skills'

Preparation for the future

Attainment

Confidence

Wellbeing & personal skills

Social skills and communication

'So you are ready for school'

'To prepare them for the next step in their education'

'We are the country's future!'

'To know new things'

'Achieve the level of learning needed to progress'

'We need to learn to make the building blocks for more learning'



### What should we be learning about?

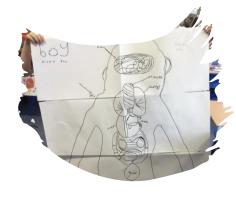
We asked our community about their priorities within Curriculum for Excellence. We ensure that a particular emphasis is put on these areas within the broad and balanced CfE curriculum that we offer.











## 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 otherspeople you don't usually work with'

'Having tools and strategies to cope in a variety of situations'

## Organisational Skills

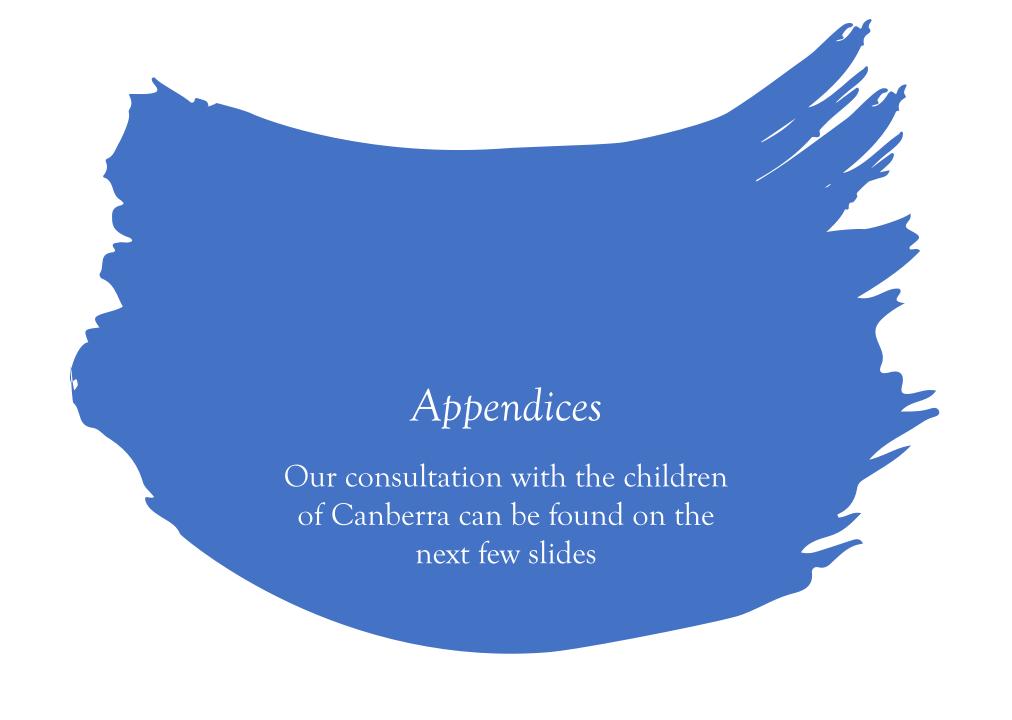
'Time management skills'

'Organise self e.g. packed lunch'

### Analysis & Evaluation

'How to write my name'
'How to use scissors'





# What makes Canberra Special? Early Years responses

Making pictures

Playing with my friends

I love building with the blocks

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

Learning how to draw a monster

Because I see my friends

I like to paint pictures **Jigsaws** 

Playing with my friends

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

Because you play with toys

It's fun whon you play in the mud kitchen All the children we have

You play with babies (dolls)

I can see my brother

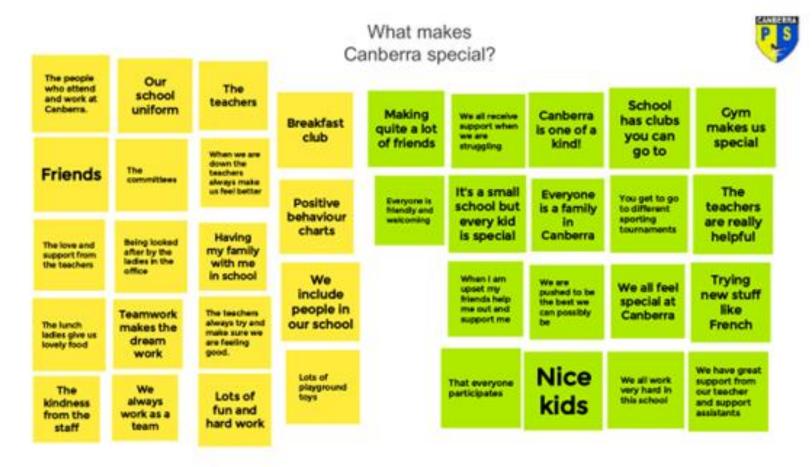
# What makes Canberra Special? Tay & Foyers House responses

#### What makes Canberra special?



	everyone is safe	Feeling like one big family	keeping us safe	Everyone tries their lead to make everyone had the tray belong and are included	Everyone is very nice to each other	We share with one another	Everyone is really smart in their own ways	Everyone works very hard	Staff e.g. teachers, janitors and outdoor staff
The learning is really fun	Learning and reading	types of maths that we do	we learn our times tables	Feeling like you belong to Canberra	We make everyone feel like they belong at Canberra	Supporting and caring staff who support the needs of all learners	How welcoming we are	How we treat people	The children
they nurture us	its friendly	its not as strict as other schools	you learn new things	The lunches are really tasty	People at Canberra are nice to each other	Canberra is small and private and there's not too many people	Our building	How our classrooms look	Canberra values
	its nice	everyone is supportive	The teachers	Everyone makes you feel welcome and supported	We put chishes first e.g. ceing our budget to bey and improve things for chishes	All children and adults listen to each other and show respect	Everyone is unique and is celebrated	Our voices	The playground toys

# 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

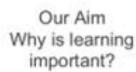
Practise every day

Because we know how to share with toys

Because it's fun So you are ready for school

To know new things

# Why is learning important? Tay & Foyers House responses



All your learning will start to connect



Because it's good for you	Work is good for you	Because it gets your brain all worked up and its good for you	It prepares us for high school and enables us to be successful there	Because you need to do your learning
It gives you life skills	Because the more you know the more special you are	So you can get smarter	Manther work is really important for inspiritual as if a important to learn to achieve	Learning the alphabet allows us to read
So it's fun and you know more things	It makes you feel good	Socialize if you're griving to be a transfer you're and to know girth wildings that teacher's transfer you.	Reading prepares us for life outside school	To learn to get a job
So you can get a job when you are older	Because you learn new things	So you can have a healthy future	For learned hore to de Olings the Union Nation and my Inschars help me to unionized and wity Balls important to me	Learning is traperfact because it temps you to get a job and if you other? here a job you would just pluried and for

It makes It's good your brain To keep to learn challenging get bigger new yourself and better things We need to It's going to So you learn to make help you for can get a the building work in the blocs for more good job future We need If you don't learn anything You might to learn to find new you won't things you are help other achieve your interested in full potential people We are So that You wouldn't the everyone has know what to country's a good education futurel

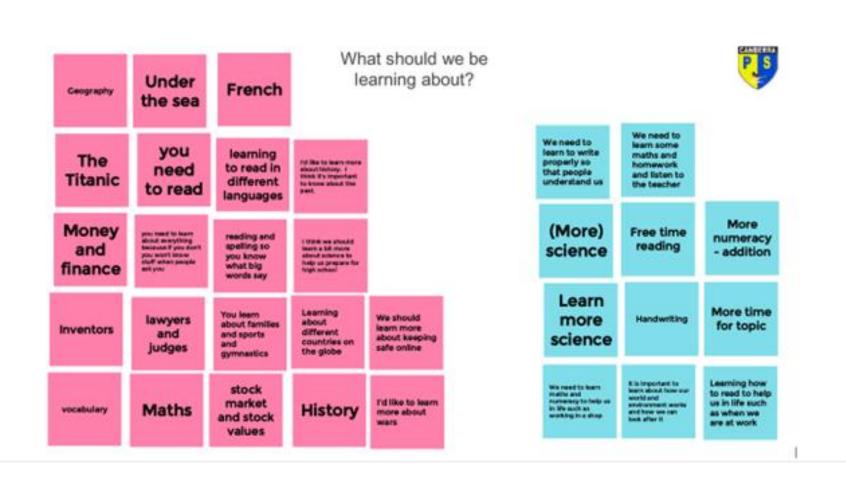
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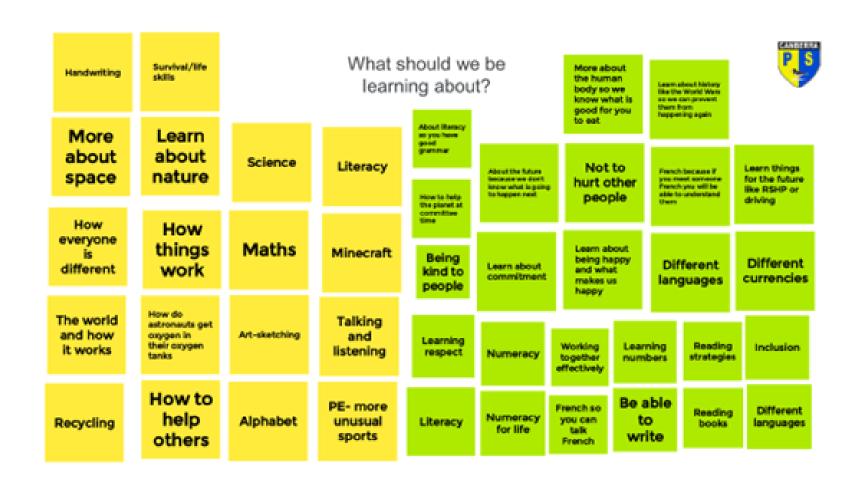
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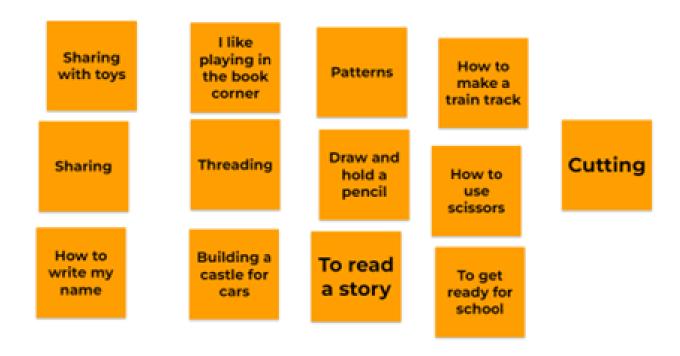
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