

## What is Cultural Capital?

Cultural capital is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a child can draw upon and which demonstrates their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence; it is one of the key ingredients a pupil will draw upon to be successful in society, their career and the world of work.

Ofsted define cultural capital as...

*“As part of making the judgement about the quality of education, inspectors will consider the extent to which schools are equipping pupils with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.*

*Our understanding of ‘knowledge and cultural capital’ is derived from the following wording in the national curriculum: ‘It is the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.’ “*

### Cultural capital at Swindon Village Primary School

During their seven years at Swindon Village our children will experience a wide range of cultural experiences including trips to the theatre, music festivals, literature festivals and a range of places of worship. The children will also experience opportunities to share their knowledge with others in many exciting ways e.g. helping to run a French café, taking part in curriculum exhibitions. These experiences allow our children to build on the knowledge that they have acquired in our school’s curriculum. We believe that exposing our children to these opportunities is of great importance to their future success.

Our curriculum is designed so that our children are able to enjoy learning about the best that has been thought and said. For example, we have a rich book spine running through our curriculum that allows our children to immerse themselves in a broad range of classic and contemporary children’s literature. Our curriculum plans expose our children to some of the greatest work in a range of fields e.g. the work of great scientists and artists. We aim to equip our children with the knowledge and skills that they need to succeed in the modern world.