

## Assessing Foundation Subjects at Holy Family School

We are currently using the Dimensions assessment tool for assessing foundation subjects.

This assessment tool is designed to demonstrate skills progression and continuity across all curriculum areas and works alongside the Dimensions Skills Ladders which we are also using. This package has helped us to ensure that there is a focus on permanent, transferable skills. The focus of teaching and learning is then directed towards processes as well as outcome.

Subjects included under the Curriculum Areas are:-

- Expressive Arts – Art, Dance, Drama, Music
- Science and Technology – Computing, Design Technology and Science
- Place and Time – Geography, History
- Faith and Community – R.E., Citizenship
- Mathematics – Maths
- Communication – English, MFL, ICT
- Health and Wellbeing – Physical Education, Personal Wellbeing

There is also a section focusing on generic Creative Skills as well as a Lifelong Learning Skills section. Bold subject areas are assessed using the Dimensions assessment tool. Other subjects have their own, separate means of assessment. Teachers will assess children's progress for each topic. The tool enables teachers to track progression for individual children across a range of skills, and also to assess the impact of teaching a specific skill across the year group.