

# **Bickley Primary School**

Every child is expected to succeed at Bickley. Behind this is the belief that

**We are all different  
We are all equal  
We will all achieve**

We also believe that the most important quality to have in life is to

**Be Kind**

At Bickley, we do all that we can to ensure that the curriculum

- Is engaging / fun / interesting
- Is relevant for children growing up in the 2020s and beyond
- Develops key learning skills (see below)
- Challenges thinking and promotes questions
- Includes real and purposeful contexts for learning
- Gives children opportunities to follow their own lines of enquiry

We believe that children need to develop the following skills to become successful and lifelong learners:

- Resilience
- Curiosity
- Collaboration and communication
- Reflection
- Creativity and imagination
- The ability to take safe risks



**During the summer term 2021, we are making plans to begin a long-term project to become a 'Thinking School.'**



**To thrive during the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we need to be able to adapt and to do so quickly. We will all need a 'tool kit' of learning strategies to make fast improvements. To choose the right tool, we will need to be able to reflect on what's working for us and what isn't.**

**This metacognitive skill is crucial for future-proofing students beyond the school gates. It also has significant benefits for attainment, behaviour and well-being in the classroom.**

**In other words, we want our children to consciously recognise their own habits, strengths and areas for development and actively seek to improve themselves and become the masters of their own destiny. To do this, they will need to begin to understand how they learn and which skills they need to use to succeed.**

