



# ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

School Development Plan 2024-2025



**O.R.B.I.T.S**

Written by the children of  
St Alphege, for the children  
of St Alphege.



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## Introduction

The School Development Plan highlights things that we want to develop and grow this year.

Here at St Alphege we have an acronym to help our whole school community understand what we are working on each year to make our school even better!

This year our acronym is **O.R.B.I.T.S**

- O.** Outstanding Writing
- R.** Retrieval of Learning
- B.** Building Connections
- I.** Inspirational Curriculum
- T.** Talents & Creativity
- S.** Simcha



Our school Council is called the **T.E.D** team.

T.E.D. is an acronym for '**T**ogether **E**veryone **D**ecides'. The name emphasises the importance of our role in gathering ideas from our peers on what needs to be even better in the school, including the way things are run and organised. We work with the teachers and leaders in the school to help shape future developments.

We thought about **O.R.B.I.T.S** and asked our classes for ideas. We then met together and talked about them. We presented our ideas to Mrs Spinks and discussed which ideas we could take forwards.



## Outstanding Writing

- Arrange an author visit to inspire our writing
- Have more opportunities to practise and develop our handwriting, both in school and at home
- Purchase pens and pencils which will inspire us to write
- Purchase new and exciting books to feed our imaginations and inspire our creative writing
- More opportunities to show other adults and children within the school our outstanding writing



## Retrieval of Learning

- Continue with activities such as Flashback Friday to support our retrieval of learning
- Use Rainbow challenges as an opportunity to retrieve and use prior learning
- Create more opportunities within the school day to have quick quizzes and competitions to encourage us to remember what we have learned



## Building Connections

- Create a dedicated space in the playground for us to meet and make new friends
- Create a buddy system with children in other classes or for those children who find making new friends difficult
- Find opportunities to play games that encourage teamwork
- Have signs around the school reminding us to be kind to others
- Continue to develop opportunities for organised, group games in the playground e.g., mark out hop scotch grids



## Inspirational Curriculum

- Create opportunities for regular e.g., home learning projects which are linked to our curriculum
- Find more opportunities to visit local spaces such as Duncan Downs or the beach linked to our curriculum
- More cross curricular lessons
- Offer more visits outside school linked to our curriculum e.g., aquarium

## Talents & Creativity

- Provide musical instruments in the playground at playtime
- Create a stage area in the play ground for performing art activities
- Create more opportunities for drama
- Create art and drama clubs after school
- Hold a talent show



## Simcha

- Create more opportunities for learning through play in the classroom
- Repair the grass on the play ground equipment so we don't hurt ourselves
- Provide a greater range of different toys available to us to play with at play time in the play ground