What is 'Cultural Capital'?

Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that children need to prepare them for their future success. It is about giving children the best possible start to their education.

The original phrase came from the French sociologist Pierre Bourdieu in the 1970s, believing the more 'capital' you had, the more powerful your position was within society. This concept has continued to develop and research now shows that when a child's cultures are valued, both their experience of learning and their progress can benefit (Husain et al., 2018, p. 4 and Gazzard, E. 2018 in Chalmers, H. and Crisfield, E. 2019).



Cultural capital is the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a child can draw upon to be successful in their education, society and the world of work. It helps children achieve goals and become successful no matter their starting point.

Cultural Capital at Ocean Academy

At Ocean Academy, pupils benefit from a creative and ambitious curriculum that builds on what they understand and know already. We believe the exposure to valuable, long-life experiences is important to their ongoing successes.

We recognise that for our pupils to aspire and be successful academically and in the wider areas of their lives, they need to be given rich and sustained opportunities to develop their cultural capital. We do this in many ways, for example, through our curriculum, extra-curricular activities, workshops, visits, enrichment days and community links.













MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

- + Work closely with the school leadership team Plan events and have a voice in school change and improvement epresent the Academy at events and communicate the vision and values of the school to visitors.

ASPIRE AWARD

complete a programme designed to empower every student to make a difference in their academy and community

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

- Work proactively to support victims of bullying behaviour
 Raise awareness of the detrimental effects of bullying
 Work preventatively to defeat all forms of bullying as &
 when they see it occurring anywhere
 + Complete the Anti-bullying Award

SPORTS LEADERS

- + Complete the Sports Leadership Award
- STUDENT VOICE & LEADERSHIP **OCEAN ACADEMY**

ECO WARRIORS

- + Help raise awareness of local & global issu
- + Lead projects that will help the environment + Complete the Green Award

CPTA

- Support the planning process of the CPTA when organising events in and out of school.
 Sit in CPTA meetings to share ideas of whole school events and ideas to raise menoy for the school.

STUDENT LIBRARIANS

Help in the library at set times ort events that encourage other children to rea

DIGITAL LEADERS

- + Support the use of iPads and computers in school to support learning. + Set up equipment in classrooms for teacher







