



MAT Stands for **More able, Gifted and Talented**

The MAT coordinator for our school is Mrs White.

Below you will find a link to the school's MAT policy and a parent/ carer's nomination form to share your child's gifts and talents with the school. This can be downloaded, completed and returned to Mrs White via the school office. Alternatively the form is available at the school office. Children may be assessed as MAT by the school and will be added to MAT register to support the challenge the child receives in our school.

More Able, Gifted and Talented

At Lister Infants, we believe that all pupils should be encouraged and nurtured to achieve their best abilities. We believe that through identification of children who are Gifted and Talented, we will provide a curriculum that is sufficiently challenging to all pupils. While understanding that every child has his/ her own particular strengths, we recognise that there are some children who excel in particular areas of the curriculum, or who achieve consistently significantly above their peers. In providing for these pupils, we believe that all pupils will be exposed to a range of teaching strategies which will aid them to become critical and creative thinkers.

Pupils that consistently attain higher than their peers in one or more subjects other than art, music and PE, may be classified as 'gifted'. This could also include children who may be seen to have 'all round' academic ability'.

Talented pupils are those with a particular ability in art, music, PE or in any sport or creative art.

Statistically, typically 5-10% of each pupil cohort may be considered as 'More Able, Gifted and Talented'. Whilst we identify a core gifted and talented cohort, we also recognise that there may be children who are presently underachieving. It is crucial that our identification system is flexible enough to pick up these children, and allows them, too, to achieve their full potential.

Identification of gifted and talented pupils is a flexible, continuous process. Progress of all children is monitored half- termly. Pupils who exhibit particular talents and abilities are brought to the attention of the Gifted and Talented co-ordinator and placed on the register. We respond to identification of Gifted and Talented pupils through the provision of appropriate challenge in the classroom and extra-curricular clubs. Enterprise club is designed to challenge the thinking skills of

more able children. The children are also offered the chance to join organisations such as Roving Reporters and The School Council, where they can have a real impact on school life. In addition all children access a philosophy session and we offer sports and art clubs, which are available to all children.

If you are a parent or guardian we would be really interested to hear if you think your child has any gifts or talents that we may not be aware of, or where you think your child's strengths may lie. Any outside talents, awards or certificates can be reported through our Silver post box system where these achievements can be celebrated weekly in our assembly, and can be displayed on the *Lister has the X Factor board!* Don't forget to look at our weekly challenge on our school newsletter!

For EYFS 'Wow' moments are celebrated in their special books. Please don't forget to fill in your 'wow' moment slips from home.