

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 early education. Research shows that when children and families' cultures are valued, both the child's experience of learning and progress can benefit.



What is 'Cultural Capital' at James Elliman Academy?

At James Elliman we get to know our families as early as nursery, when staff carry out home visits, join in at drop-off and pick-up times, hold coffee mornings and stay and play opportunities. We believe our families need to get to know all of our team in order to be confident that their children will feel safe, secure and happy.



At James Elliman we recognise the diversity of children's home experiences, and celebrate the many different cultural backgrounds, customs and experiences by providing a rich and varied curriculum that builds on children's experiences and cultures. Children benefit from our aspirational curriculum that builds on what they understand and know already.

At James Elliman we encourage, develop and model language and vocabulary during play and lessons to build confidence and fluency.

At James Elliman our children are encouraged to think critically, problem-solve and reflect by working on enquiry questions throughout a unit of learning. They take part in 'Votes for Schools' which support them in understanding a democratic society and to respect each other's views.

At James Elliman our children are learning with technology to support their needs. Our digital strategy promise now extends to all Year 5 and 6 pupils, who use Google Chromebooks in the majority of their lessons.



At James Elliman we hold the silver kite award with the Skills Builder Partnership – an initiative based on research from worldwide major companies, which identify the skills required in order for an individual to present as employable and a reliable member of the community. The eight skills are linked to our 6 values.



At James Elliman, we want all of our children to aim high and take every chance offered. Our motto reflects this:

*Every child a leader. Every chance taken.
Every day counts.*