



Tesla class is within the Functional learning approach at the Oxford Road site, with a group of 16 pupils and 3 staff members. Our focus goes beyond the classroom, supporting pupils as they take the next steps towards life after Five Acre Wood School. Whether aiming for college, Specialist Post-16 Institutions (SPIs), or employment, we are committed to equipping them with the skills and qualifications they need to thrive.

In Tesla class, we emphasise functional skills in English and maths, with pupils working towards exams in reading, writing, speaking and listening and maths throughout the year. We take learning beyond the academic, focusing on life skills and work readiness through targeted lessons linked to the Skills Builder Partnership framework. Our pupils are active participants in community activities, personal and social development, and real-world work experiences in the local area.

Pupils are encouraged to pursue their passions, choosing vocational subjects to study and working towards a BTEC Level 1 qualification. Tesla class fosters a learning environment rich in problem-solving and open discussions, where pupils share ideas, collaborate and grow in confidence. They actively develop life and functional skills to strengthen their independence and prepare for active roles in their communities.

With a strong focus on growth mindset, Tesla pupils build resilience, taking on future challenges with confidence. They celebrate each other's successes and embody the school's values by maintaining a positive attitude. As they prepare for life beyond school, Tesla pupils are learning about workplace expectations and developing the skills necessary for both independent and assisted living settings.

