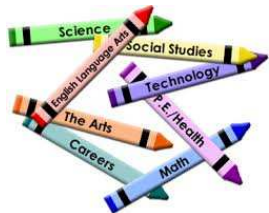


At Swallownest Primary School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Curriculum



In Key Stage 1 pupils are taught about similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods, how changes within living memory reveal changes in national life and about events beyond living memory that are significant nationally. They also learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national achievements. In Key Stage 2 British history is taught through a carefully designed set of 'key skills' for history as pupils continue to develop their knowledge of British and local history. Periods of British history studied include The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, Britain's settlement by the Anglo Saxons and Scots, the Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England and local history.

In Year 5, pupils undertake a topic about World War Two looking at the impact that the military had in fighting for the British Empire. This is linked with Remembrance Day commemorations where children purchase poppies and a two minute silence is held in at 11.00am on the 11th November.

We take the opportunity to celebrate every aspect of British history. We recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of VE day and children came to school dressed in red, white and blue. As a whole school, we have celebrated the World Cup, the Olympics and Para Olympics, with Olympic themed sports days and special Olympic weeks. Royal celebrations play a large part in our curriculum offer and the Golden Jubilee was a huge event for the school. We also celebrated the birth of Princess Charlotte. Our daily assemblies are very important to us, and it is here that we regularly uphold the traditional values of empathy, respect and tolerance. These are also taught within formal SEAL, PSHE, Citizenship and RE lessons and, indeed, the British values of respect, tolerance and empathy are fostered throughout all of our daily interactions: modelled by staff and nurtured in pupils.

Democracy



Democratic processes are embedded in the way we work here at Swallownest. Pupil voice as well as parent/carer voice, plays a central part in developing school improvement priorities. Each year every class elects two class representatives (Y2 – Y6) who represent the pupils on the 'School Council'. At class council meetings pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard and any concerns are passed on to their representatives who take the issues to the 'Learning Council' meetings. Pupil's views are also sought through pupil questionnaires, pupil interviews and collective worship.

The recent General Election was an ideal opportunity to explain and discuss democracy. Assemblies were used to inform the children about the General Election, the parties and personalities involved. Children were encouraged to follow the news in relation to voting and they were given opportunities to debate the issues currently being addressed.

The Rule of Law



The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind law enforcement, that they govern and protect us, and the responsibilities that these involve and the consequences that can occur when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police; Fire Service; Ambulance staff etc. help to reinforce this message. In Y6 pupils visit annually the police education programme (Crucial Crew), where such values are reinforced and explained.

Individual Liberty



Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices, whether through choice of challenge, how they record their work, or their individual participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities.

Mutual Respect



Assemblies regularly promote 'respect', and pupils have been part of discussions related to what this means and how it is shown. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy. When a child does something well their achievement is celebrated in a weekly 'Celebration Assembly', with parents and family invited. Part of our school ethos revolves around core values including respect and pupils have been part of discussions and assemblies related to what this means and how it is shown. These ideas are reiterated through the school and classroom rules, as well as our behaviour policy. Additional support is given to individual children to help develop self – esteem and the concept of respect.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs



This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. We have visits from the local Vicar as well as church members who run a regular 'Open the Book' assembly. We value first hand experiences and as a result we seek to build tolerance and respect of different faiths and beliefs through the study of a variety of faith buildings. We use assemblies to explore and understand the similarities between religions. Curriculum topics include learning about and, most importantly, *from* other faiths and misconceptions between religions are addressed as well as prejudices that have been expressed by the community. Assemblies and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying are regularly held. We follow the Rotherham Agreed syllabus for RE and use the SEAL materials to enhance PSHE teaching.