

Spring Meadow Primary and 'School House' Nursery



Cultural Learning Curriculum Overview

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Purpose of study

To encourage Cultural Learning at our school, we instil the knowledge, behaviour and skills that children can develop and utilise to become culturally aware. It is one of the fundamental components that children will draw upon to be successful in society, future careers and the world of work. Cultural Learning promotes pupils' power to help them achieve goals and understand the desire to aspire and achieve social mobility regardless of their starting point. It is vital to introduce our children to the 'best that has been thought and said', whilst appreciating a range of achievements from diverse cultures and people, giving our children a global perspective.

Aims

***"The point of my work is to show that culture and education aren't simply hobbies or minor influences. They are hugely important in the affirmation of differences between groups and social classes and in the reproduction of those differences." -
Pierre Bourdieu.***

At Spring Meadow,, we recognise that for children 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.

The school recognises that there are six key areas of development that are interrelated and cumulatively contribute to the sum of a child's cultural capital:

1. Personal Development

2. Social Development, including political and current affairs awareness
3. Physical Development
4. Spiritual Development
5. Moral Development
6. Cultural development

The summary below lists the types of activities that we undertake for each area of Cultural Capital Development. These strands are embedded across all subject areas across our curriculum, and through the wider enrichment activities which we undertake.

1. Personal development

- Personal, Social and Health Education provision
- My Happy Mind programme and other Mental Health and Well-being provision
- Relationships, Sex and Health provision
- Growth mindset support and strategies to develop resilience
- Our wider pastoral framework (including the Mentoring Programme and Lighthouse Project)
- Assemblies that focus on inspirational people and overcoming challenges
- Programme of trips and visitors
- Careers Week and our Careers Curriculum

2. Social development including political and current affairs awareness

- Personal, Social and Health Education provision
- My Happy Mind programme and other Mental Health and Well-being provision
- Relationships, Sex and Health provision
- Selection of a diverse range of cultures and individuals to support learning across the curriculum, alongside the 'classics'.
- Pupil Voice - e.g. Pupil Parliament, whole school challenges, Hot Chocolate Friday discussions
- Assemblies that focus on inspirational people and overcoming challenges

- Picture News Assemblies - supporting discussions about global current affairs
- Volunteering and charitable work – e.g. raising funds for Ukraine, Children in Need, Support Dogs, Comic Relief and British Legion (Poppy Appeal). Also our singing choir for the elderly, litter picking and beach clean.

3. Physical development

- The school's Physical Education curriculum
- The Outdoor learning Curriculum
- Healthy Eating policies and our catering provision
- Anti-bullying and Safeguarding policies.
- Health Education programme including awareness drugs, smoking and alcohol (e.g. Crucial Crew)
- Extra-curricular sporting clubs and competitions
- Activity based visits - e.g. Y6 residential visits, kayaking, Beach School
- Design and Technology units relating to food and nutrition across the school.

4. Spiritual development

- Our school's Religious Education curriculum
- Support of the expression of individual faiths
- Visits to local churches and / or places of worship
- Enrichment days focused on global faiths and cultures e.g. Diwali, Holocaust Memorial Day
- Picture News Assemblies - supporting discussions and understanding of global religions and cultures

5. Moral development

- The school's Relationship and Behaviour policy.
- School and class rules
- Volunteering and charitable work – e.g. raising funds for Ukraine, Children in Need, Support Dogs, Comic Relief and British Legion (Poppy Appeal). Also our singing choir for the elderly, litter picking and beach clean
- Pupil Voice - e.g. Pupil Parliament, whole school challenges, Hot Chocolate Friday discussions
- The Religious Education curriculum.

6. Cultural development

- Citizenship education through PSHE
- Our school's Religious Education curriculum
- Arts education, including drama.
- Access to languages and cultures of other countries through the Geography and MFL curriculum.
- Assemblies that focus on inspirational people and overcoming challenges
- Picture News Assemblies - supporting discussions about global current affairs
- Selection of a diverse range of cultures and individuals to support learning across the curriculum, alongside the 'classics'.
- Promotion of equity, diversity and inclusion in the school's ethos, which informs all policies and practices.

In addition, each curriculum area makes its own contribution to children's cultural capital development and supports SMSC across the school.

Conceptual Links

Mental Health – mindfulness, well-being, self-esteem, growth mindset

Moral values – hard work, respect, appreciation, honesty, duty, justice, family, love

Culture – beliefs, religions, practices, ways of living

Citizenship – democracy, politics, law, justice, finance, responsibility, critical thinking, charity work

Ethics – reasoning, judgement, right and wrong, values, morals, understanding, responsibility

Key Dates

1st-30th September - 'Harvest Festival' - A British tradition celebrated when people harvest or store food, with links to the Harvest Moon.

1st-31st October - 'Black History Month' - Celebrate and promote Black contributions to society and develop an overall understanding.

4th October - 'World Habitat Day' - A day to reflect on the community and the basic right to shelter.

21st October - 'World Values Day' - An annual campaign to increase the awareness and practice of values around the world.

14th-18th November - 'Anti-bullying Week' - An empowering week where school staff can work with children to counteract the harm bullying causes.

10th December - 'Human Rights Day' - Raise awareness of human rights around the world.

1st-28th February - 'LGBT+ History Month' - An opportunity to raise awareness and improve lives of LGBT+ through positive education.

2nd February - 'Time To Talk Day' - A day to encourage children's communication and experiences.

6th-12th February - 'Children's Mental Health Awareness Week' - An opportunity to raise awareness and support each other.

1st-30th April - 'Stress Awareness Month' - Raise awareness of stress and identify causes, a chance to support our children.

17th July - 'World Day for International Justice' - An opportunity to recognise the emerging system of justice.