



BRITISH VALUES

At Deepdene we actively promote democracy, mutual respect and tolerance

DEMOCRACY

Democracy is an important value at our School.

Class and School rules are drawn up collaboratively with the children and every class signs up to these rules. Pupils have the opportunity to have their voices heard through our School Council meetings. The elections of members of the School Council is based on pupil votes. The children in the School Council are involved in making decisions in the School (such as choosing play equipment for lunchtimes).

In the Autumn term, all the pupils have an opportunity to vote for our Year 6 Boy/Girl who hold positions of responsibility in the School.

To reflect the national voting in May 2015, we held our own General Election. Pupils in KS2 worked together in their own political parties to produce a charter, the Leader presented this to the rest of the School and all pupils voted.

How we influence democracy is explored through topic work, PSHE and assemblies.

THE RULES OF LAW

The importance of laws and rules, whether they are those that govern the class, the school or the country, are consistently reinforced through all aspects of school life.

Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.

Many of these laws are taught through our curriculum which includes many safety aspects such as road safety, firework safety, e-safety and fire safety. We have links with our police community support officer.

Topic work has included The rules of law and how laws are made linked to history work (Anglo Saxons and Romans in KS2).

BEHAVIOUR

Our behaviour policy is based on promoting positive behaviour and focuses on learning which incorporates both academic and personal growth. The Deepdene ethos promotes the right to an orderly and safe working environment for both staff and students. It is always our aim to accentuate the positive rather than to focus on any negative behaviour and to use dialogue between teacher and student at all levels to address problems as they arise. We use the school values of kindness,

respect, hard work, honesty and responsibility to uphold and support behaviour at Deepdene. Children learn and understand that all behaviour is made through choice and that all choices have consequences. Our **5 Golden Rules** promote our school values:

1. We are kind, respectful and considerate.

2. We try our best in everything we do.

3. We are good listeners.

4. We are honest.

5. We care for our school.

The 5 Golden Rules are displayed in all classrooms, around the school and in the playground.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Pupils at Deepdene are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We provide boundaries for our children to make choices safely, through the provision of a safe environment and planned curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise these safely, for example through our e-safety teaching. Whether it be through choice of challenge, of how they record their work, creative homework tasks or participation in after school clubs, pupils are given freedom to make choices.

TOLERANCE OF THOSE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS AND BELIEFS:

At Deepdene we learn 'about religion' and 'from religion' and we aim to promote tolerance and understanding of those of different faiths or no faith. This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity in the local and wider community.

Religious education lessons, assemblies and PSHE lessons actively challenge stereotypes and reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for each other no matter their ethnicity, beliefs, gender, disability, age or any other protected characteristics.

BRITISH VALUES IN THE CURRICULUM

Some examples studied at Deepdene to promote 'British Values' are:-

Learning about the make-up of the United Kingdom, the chronology of British History including knowledge and understanding of key events, people and the impact which they have on our society. Poppy Day celebrations where children purchase poppies and observe a minute's silence. As a whole school we have celebrated key events in the life of the Royal Family, 2012 Olympics and observations of British Saint's Days.

Upon leaving Deepdene, pupils will understand their responsibilities as citizens of a democratic society and have an awareness of how they can maintain the underpinning core values whilst maintaining an awareness and respect for the culturally diverse society in which they live.

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