



British Values

The DfE have recently reinforced the need to “create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools and nurseries to promote the fundamental British values”

The fundamental British values are:

Democracy - Everyone is treated equally and has equal rights.

Rule of law - Understanding that rules matter

Individual liberty - Children’s self-confidence and self-awareness and people and communities.

Mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths - Treat others as we want to be treated. How to be part of a community, manage our feelings and behaviour; and form relationships with others.

The EYFS provides a solid foundation to encourage a child’s understanding and acceptance that we live in diverse communities with many different cultures and lifestyles. Being British is a wonderful thing and we ensure that British traditions are celebrated wherever possible both within our nursery and within the wider community. Families are key to belonging and understanding one’s identity and we use every opportunity to explore different compositions of families. We focus on the child’s identity ensuring it is explored and emphasised as being something to be proud of.

We listen to the children’s and the parent’s voice. Parent questionnaires are completed and acted upon. Daily handovers between parents and staff are standard practice along with updates through Tapestry, our online learning journal software. Regular parents evenings are also carried out throughout the year.

Children are given opportunities to make choices and decisions e.g. being involved in setting and displaying Nursery rules to keep everyone safe and happy, what to have to eat for snacks, and what to display within their rooms.

We consistently reinforce our high expectations of children. Children are taught the value and reasons behind our rules and that they are there to protect us, that everyone has a responsibility and that there are consequences when rules are broken.

Within nursery, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a nursery we educate and provide boundaries for young children to make choices safely, through our provision of a safe enabling environment and effective teaching. Children are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms.

We aim to enhance children’s understanding of different faiths and beliefs by participating in a range of celebrations throughout the year. Children have the opportunity to dress-up in clothes and try different foods from other cultures alongside our own British culture. The broader a child’s experiences, the more confident and effective they are likely to be at contributing to Britain’s diverse society.

