



EPR

British Values topic



Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of your child's education at Cottesmore St Mary, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) programme. RSHE forms a part of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE), Religious Education (Come and See), Citizenship, PE and Science Curriculum which together are collectively known in Catholic Schools as EPR – Education in Personal Relationships.

Each year group has a dedicated EPR afternoon at the beginning and end of every half-term. We are planning on delivering our 'British Values' strand, week commencing 10th October 2022.

British Values was first introduced in 2014 when the Department for Education (DfE) published guidance on British Values in schools. The DfE noted that by teaching British Values, children improve their spiritual, moral social, and cultural (SMSC) development. The British Values underpin what it is to be a British citizen in what is a modern and diverse Britain, and promote moral and cultural understanding that celebrates the diversity of the UK.

We actively promote British Values through our curriculum, assemblies, educational celebration days, school council and our inclusive school ethos. Please see our 'British Values- A Guide for Parents' for further information on coverage.

The content of the scheme of work is age-appropriate and will be taught with sensitivity taking into account the children's level of maturity in regard to the delivery of lessons.

We feel it is important that you know what your child(ren) will be learning so that you can engage in preparatory or follow-up discussions at home.

Please find below an overview of the topics we aim to cover in class, for your information.

Yr British Values topic

R	Ialt: Respect all differences	Key words: Respect, difference, kind, accepting, community, love
1	Ialt: Identify how Britain celebrates difference and shows respect to all	Key words: respect, tolerance, beliefs, religion, race, voice, equality
2	Ialt: Understand what democracy means	Key words: democracy, laws, rules, fair, safe
3	Ialt: Understand what 'Rule of Law' means	Key words: democracy, laws, rules, equality, parliament, government
4	Ialt: Understand how democracy works in Britain	Key words: parliament, government, responsibility, democracy, voice
5	Ialt: Explore the changes some individuals have made and how some of our liberties have come about	Key words: liberty, laws, protest, beliefs, respect, laws, rights, responsibility
6	Ialt: Explore British laws that help to protect and promote a fairer society	Key words: Equality Act, parliament, protect, protected characteristics, laws, respect, community

Finally, if you feel you would like to talk to your child's class teacher, then please contact them to make an after school appointment as they will be happy to talk through the planned content of the lessons and if necessary, show you the resources that are to be used.

Many thanks,

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