

Values and ethos

One of our priorities in recent years has been to become a Values based school.

Values are the principles that guide and drive our behaviour. Our school values help children to discover the very best in themselves, learn to care for the environment and understand that values are important if people in our society are going to live happily together.

Each term we choose a value to focus upon. Through our assemblies, Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL), International Primary Curriculum (IPC) and our everyday expectations. We explore the language and meaning attached to our value of the month. We encourage discussion and reflection across the school, especially thinking about how we can demonstrate that value in ourselves and in our behaviour towards others, at home, in school and within our community.

Our values are the individual qualities and dispositions we believe children will find essential in the 21st century. They include the IPC personal goals:

- Adaptability
- Communication
- Cooperation
- Resilience
- Respect
- Thoughtfulness

There are two additional personal goals

- Morality which is taught through Religious Education (RE)
- Enquiry which is taught throughout the whole curriculum.

A number of other values have been selected by the school community and relate to our SEAL topics.

- Appreciation
- Caring
- Courage
- Friendship

- Honesty
- Happiness
- Hope
- Love
- Responsibility

We believe that values education helps children to be able to:

- consider and respect the views, cultures and traditions of other people
 - cope with unfamiliar situations
 - approach tasks with confidence
 - suggest and explore new roles, ideas, and strategies
 - move between conventional and more fluid forms of thinking
 - be at ease with themselves in a variety of situations
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