## **Greasby Infant School**



## Promoting SMSC within Greasby Infant School

#### Mission Statement:

We aim to provide a happy, relaxed environment where children are encouraged and supported to achieve their full potential, and to develop an attitude of care and responsibility towards others and their surroundings.

We ensure that the children in this school will attain the highest standards of which they are capable. We encourage the children to be independent and self-confident and we believe that this can be achieved more readily when teachers, parents and pupils work together in partnership.

#### SMSC:

SMSC came to the forefront of government policy again after the London riots in the summer of 2012. Schools are required by law to promote the development of SMSC and inspectors are required to expect it. It is crucial for individual pupils and for society as a whole. Teachers have the duty to shape the values, attitudes and character of the next generation.

Key Area of SMSC	<u>Current Practice</u>
Ability to be reflective about their own beliefs, religious or otherwise, that inform their perspective on life and their interest in and respect for different people's faiths, feelings and values.	<ul> <li>Circle time</li> <li>Weekly Assemblies/Collective Worship</li> <li>Educational visits to places of Worship</li> <li>Visits to/from local church</li> <li>Story time in class/through Literacy work.</li> <li>Harvest &amp; Easter assemblies</li> <li>Weekly singing</li> <li>RE lessons/ RE topics taught through literacy</li> <li>Carol Concerts</li> <li>Christmas shoebox collection</li> <li>Broad and balanced curriculum allowing children to be creative and use their imagination in a range of subject areas.</li> </ul>

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Moral  Ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong, readily apply this understanding in their own lives and, in doing so, respect the civil and criminal law of England.	<ul> <li>Class and school rules (behaviour policy).</li> <li>Anti-bullying strategy</li> <li>School council</li> <li>Play leaders</li> <li>Weekly assemblies promoting moral values and positive behaviour patterns.</li> <li>Circle time/PSHE lessons - Jigsaw taught weekly.</li> </ul>
Social  Use of a range of social skills in different contexts, including working and socialising with pupils from different religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.	<ul> <li>Children have roles and responsibilities throughout the week (play leader, register monitors, class monitors)</li> <li>School council</li> <li>Leavers' Assembly</li> <li>Harvest Assembly</li> <li>Carol Concert</li> <li>Extra-curricular activities including sport and craft</li> <li>Circle time</li> <li>Fundraising events for a range of charities</li> <li>Yr 2/3 transition - buddies with Greasby Junior School.</li> <li>PE/Sports Festivals with other local schools</li> </ul>
Cultural  Understanding and appreciation of the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage and that of others. Preparation for life in modern Britain.	<ul> <li>Teaching children about different religions - Hinduism/Judaism</li> <li>Celebrating a range of cultural festivals including the Chinese Moon Festival, Chinese New Year &amp; Diwali</li> <li>Music lessons</li> <li>Weekly Language lessons - Chinese, French, Spanish.</li> <li>Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra visit.</li> <li>Whole school topics based on certain countries and festivals</li> <li>Broad curriculum - art, geography, history, music etc.</li> </ul>

## Next Steps:

- Wider range of visits to share experiences
- Achieve Equalities Award.
- V. Clark to develop Global Learning award within school

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