

Promoting British values through the curriculum

Schools should promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Through the provision of SMSC teaching at our school we:

- enable students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;
- enable students to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England;
- encourage students to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely;
- enable students to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England;
- further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures;
- encourage respect for other people; and
- encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England.

At Manor Primary School:

Democracy is promoted through our school council and pupil questionnaires. Visits from authorities such as the police and the fire services are used to reinforce the importance of the rule of law. The school ethos and behaviour policy revolve around 'respect' as a core value, and discussions and assemblies focus on what respect means and how it is shown.

English: Our books have themes covering tolerance, mutual respect and democracy. Lessons look at how these themes are presented and how characters embody these values. Poetry, songs and languages from other cultures are explored.

Citizenship: Pupils are encouraged to understand their personal rights and freedoms, and are advised on how to exercise these safely. Topics such as equal rights, and e-safety will be taught.

Religious Education (RE): Lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others.

History and Geography: Pupils analyse events in UK and world history where British values have been tested such as both World Wars. In geography, pupils could look at how different cultures live and work throughout the world.