



Guide to...

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development (SMSC)

What it is... This is an aspect of the curriculum that will help equip children to be thoughtful, caring and active citizens in the future. We want this to be 'woven' into school life and we want children to experience this rather than it always being directly taught. In relation to 'Spiritual', we want children to be fascinated to learn about themselves and the world. This includes being reflective about their beliefs, religious or otherwise and have interest and respect for other people's faiths, feelings & values. In relation to 'Moral' we want children to understand the difference between right and wrong, understand the consequences of our actions and be able to apply this to their own lives. This also links to taking an interest in debating ethical and moral issues, developing their own views and the ability to appreciate the viewpoints of others. 'Social' development includes interacting with people from different religious, ethnic & socio-economic backgrounds, showing a willingness to participate, cooperate as well as resolve conflicts effectively. Finally, 'Cultural' is about developing children's appreciation of the wider cultural influences that have influenced and shaped our heritage and those of others. It will help develop interest, understanding and respect for diversity and encourage appreciation for the different groups children will encounter within the local, national and global community now and as they become adults who live in an ever-changing and diverse world. We want our children to be curious, happy, reflective, respectful and have all the skills and confidence to play their role in fostering a community spirit that embraces everyone.

At Arden Grove you will see 'Spiritual' development in.... Christmas Shows, Annual Salvation Army Carol Concert, regular Open the Book assemblies, David Southgate, (assemblies each term), RE planning, charity work to support Comic Relief, Children in Need, Harvest Festival to support Norwich Foodbank, Remembrance Assembly, visits to places of worship, Celebration Board in entrance to celebrate achievements outside of school, Assemblies are linked to our PSHE scheme, Jigsaw, which promotes a mindful approach to learning, 10 minutes of daily yoga in each class, after school yoga club free to Reception.

At Arden Grove you will see 'Moral' development in.... Our Code is consistent and well-embedded across the school, there are clear consequences linked to children's stage of development and understanding, Foundations for Learning develop moral skills and knowledge as appropriate to a child's level and need, Friday treat to celebrate continual 'Code Makers', Gold award on Friday assembly, all staff play a pastoral role to guide and support children in decision making and problem-resolution, our whole school story 'How Full is your Bucket' links to how our actions impact on others and this is supported by our buckets and drops display in each class, we have not excluded any children for a significant number of years, e-safety planning & lessons address appropriate use of social media.

At Arden Grove you will see 'Social' development in.... Sports Day, Year Two residential, Sing Birds singing at special events such as the Norfolk Show Palgrave residential home, St Peter Mancroft with Hellesdon High School choir, after school clubs such as rugby, dance, yoga, Karate, football, drama (predominantly free or heavily subsidised through Sports Premium Grant), regular parent / carer workshops, all year groups go on trips e.g. to Norwich castle, Theatre Royal, beach, London, inspirational assemblies (Authors, sports coaches, para-Olympian), Fun Time Friday where year groups mix & regular story swaps.

At Arden Grove you will see 'Cultural' development in.... our RE planning and skills development overview, celebrating cultural events that reflect the different beliefs of children and their parents in our school, regular links to the Theatre Royal, Year Two parents / carers going to the ballet with their child, topic work, special menus to celebrate special events throughout the year, Geography days, half termly live music reflecting music & instruments from other countries and cultures, a creative curriculum, including the annual Arden Arts festival that celebrates cultural influences.

We plan to ...

Take part, June 12th in Norfolk Welcomes to increase awareness of refugees.

Look at developing aspects of philosophy next year. Enhance Pupil's Voice with question of the month & give it a dedicated display space in school, including a regular environmental focus. Increasing opportunities for our older children to support younger pupils. Whilst reviewing all subjects (Summer 2019) look at building in opportunities for more Global learning.

How is SMSC monitored?

This can be monitored through the recorded comments visitors make, governors talking to the children about their experience of school, understanding of the Code and subject leaders talking to children in their monitoring tasks. SMSC can be monitored by looking at our website and app for updates on events and learning walks that identify the displays and general school environment.