

Respect Curriculum



What is it?

In short, it will teach your children how to be happy and healthy citizens that understand how to be good people, stand up for what is right, where to go and what to do if something has upset or worried them.

Through our Respect curriculum, the following important issues will be explored explicitly as well as using books and resources to expose children implicitly:

- Stereotyping
- Racism
- Consent
- Protected characteristics (e.g. age, disability, race, religion)
- British values
- Equality, diversity, and inclusion

How is it taught?

Respect lessons are taught once a week in every class. We follow a long-term overview to ensure that learning is revisited over the year and children remember what is taught.

In addition to this, each class has at least two circle times each week. This is an opportunity for every child in the class to feel part of the 'class team'. Every child is encouraged to contribute and is made to feel valued and special. This is also an opportunity to expand on the learning from Respect lessons or to discuss any incidents or worries.

Our assemblies are also linked to our Respect curriculum and these take place on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week.

What is the school doing?

We decided to create our bespoke Respect curriculum so it met the needs of our children. Following Ofsted's review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges (June 2021), feedback from parents/carers, and reflection on the school's practices, the following actions took/are taking place:

- Anti-Racism Education training for all staff
- Brand new books for every classroom's reading area and for our Little Wandle early reading scheme to ensure they reflect modern day society
- Review of all the school's displays and curriculum content to ensure resources and materials used are diverse and do not promote stereotypes
- The school is also currently working with an education improvement adviser to review and improve how the school promotes equality, diversity, and inclusion

How can you support?

There are many ways to support your child:

- Encouraging and reminding them of the importance of being an 'upstander' – standing up for what is right
- Taking the opportunity to discuss issues such as racism and stereotypes when appropriate to do so, as well as asking for their opinion
- Asking them what they have been talking about in Respect lessons or assemblies