



SMSC at Abbey Hill

SMSC stands for **spiritual, moral, social and cultural** development

Collective Worship

Our collective worship is planned by Miss Digby the SMSC leader.

Assemblies are based around a Christian approach in line with what the law says. We also talk about other world religions and beliefs. The head teacher and deputy head lead whole school collective worship and class teachers deliver separate weekly key stage 1 and 2 assemblies. This helps us to focus on more mature themes with the older children.

At the end of assembly there is chance for the children to reflect and think about what they have heard. They may choose to join in with prayers and make them their own or they can have their own thinking time. We often use a candle or fairy lights to help children focus.



Here are just some of the themes we talk and learn about across the year:

New Beginnings

Five Golden Rules

Inspirational People

Stories with Messages and Morals

Future Me (linked to the World of Work)

Helping People around our World

Harvest Festival

Remembrance Day

Anti-Bullying Week

Black History Month

The school has developed strong links with St. Thomas's church in Kirkby in Ashfield and hold services for everyone in our school community at Christmas and Easter.



The Easter cross in church with messages from parents and children

Spiritual Development

TAKE FIVE – Mindfulness and Resilience Building

Our staff are trained to deliver daily mindfulness practices that allow children to be grounded, relaxed and ready to learn. We have also trained children to be Take Five Ambassadors. They lead sessions with classes every day.

Take Five Helps With

Academic Achievement

Feeling Safe and Well

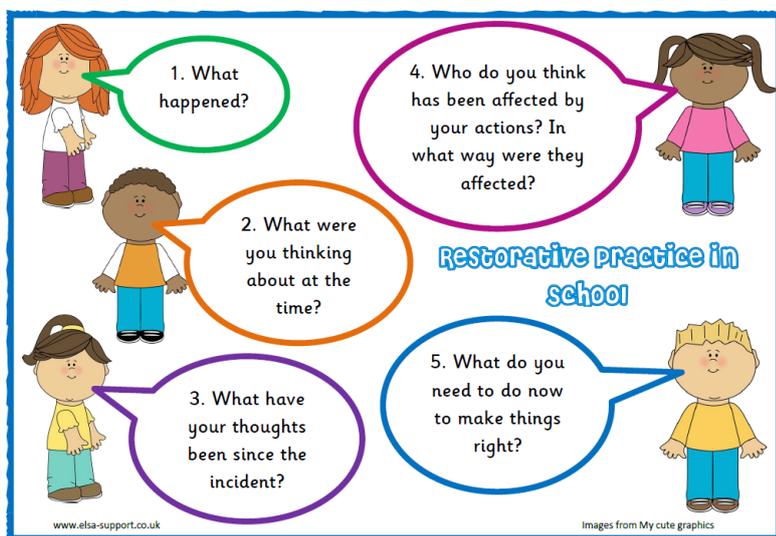
Self-Behaviour

Personal Development



Social and Moral Development

Developing children's social skills and their awareness of right and wrong is a very important part of what we do at school every day. Staff talk to children about making right choices and spend time talking about what they could have done differently when they've made a wrong choice. We talk about consequences and use the restorative practice cycle to help children see how their actions affect others and what they could do to put things right.



Cultural Development

We have a growing programme of cultural events at Abbey Hill. We work hard to provide children with opportunities to experience a wide range of different cultures and to take part in activities that promote understanding, acceptance and respect for diversity.

Here are some of the things we've learnt about this year:

- Celebrating Chinese New Year and taking part in Chinese Dance workshops.
- Celebrating Black History Week looking at inspirational figures from the Black Community and trying our hand at African Drumming!
- Celebrating Diwali by reading the story of Rama and Sita and taking part in traditional Indian dance sessions.
- Celebrating the Great Get Together remembering the life of the late MP Jo Cox inviting the local community to school for coffee and cake.
- Celebrating the centenary of Votes for Women and designing our new garden to commemorate this.
- Celebrating the tradition of pantomime with a visit to the theatre.
- Celebrating children's family traditions and cultures with the Foundation Stage and Y1 Family Box.



African drumming with Zo Zo in Black History Week.

Promoting British values

It is our job to teach British Values in school. We are keen to support the community where our children live and understand our role in making sure everyone in school is safe and not subjected to intimidation or radicalisation by others wanting to influence them.

The five British values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

Here are some of things we do to help children understand British values:

- Team leader elections
- Voting for team names
- Learning our five Golden Rules and explaining how rules keep us safe
- Visits to the Fire Station and visits from the community police and other services
- Visits from our local MP
- Learning to exercise our rights and freedoms without hurting others in events like Anti-Bullying and E-safety weeks
- Fund raising and supporting charities



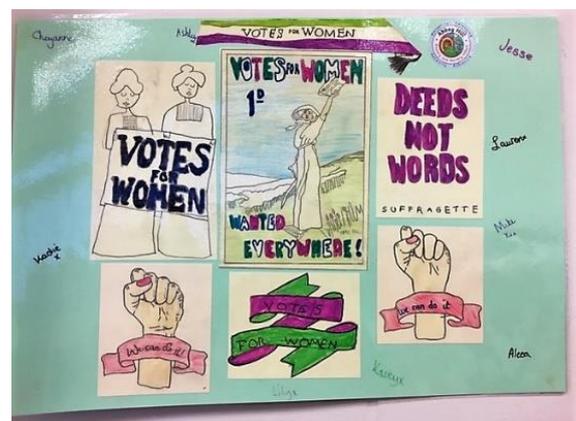
Messages from parents and children in the school entrance in support of victims of terrorist acts

The Abbey Hill Life Skills Framework

We also work hard to get children ready for their adult life through our Life Skills Framework. We use this to plan our Enterprise Week in the spring term and our World of Work Week in the summer term. Mrs Parker also runs small groups focussing on different life skills, often coming from the interests of the children themselves.

The Framework has four strands:

- Cultural Experience
- Economic Literacy
- Linguistic Skills
- Social Literacy



A Votes for Women poster made by Mrs Parker's Y6 Life Skills group. They researched the life of local MP Gloria del Piero and prepared a question and answer session for her visit to school.