

Manadon Vale Primary School

British Values 2022

We are part of a British society, and it is important to the Governors, staff and parents at Manadon Vale Primary School that children learn the key and universal principles of:

Key Principles:

- Democracy
- Rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Universal Principles:

- Self-help
- Self-responsibility
- Equality
- Equity
- Solidarity
- Openness
- Honesty
- Social responsibility
- Caring for others

These values underpin the work of the Cooperative movement, and our school is a member of this by being a member of the Endeavour Learning Community Trust (ELCT).

We achieve these aims through:

- Creating an open, inclusive ethos whereby children can be themselves, and develop courtesy, respect and tolerance for others
- Promoting mental health and wellbeing
- Promoting equality of opportunity
- Having a clear code of conduct, whereby children understand right from wrong, and are able to take responsibility for their actions
- Promoting the rights and responsibilities of all members of the learning community
- Team work and collaboration across the school
- Development of pupil leadership
- Promotion of service families
- Challenging intolerance

We provide a broad and balanced Curriculum which allows us to:

- Provide opportunities which celebrate diversity
- Learn about our nation and its heritage, for example, Plymouth as a port and in the Blitz, the First World War topic and Poppy service
- Research and learn about National heroes such as Churchill, Florence Nightingale and Darwin
- Provide opportunities to use our local area
- Have a sense of community responsibility; working with other agencies such as police and fire service

Policy adopted by Local Governing Body in September 2022

- Learn about cultures and faiths; how are we different from one another and how are we the same?
- Understand Plymouth as part of a global community; learning about and communicating with children from across the world

Democracy

Pupil voice is significant at Manadon Vale Primary School. Our pupil elected School Parliament plays a strong role in our school. They are elected by their class peers and are involved in making the school a better place to learn. Additionally, House Captains are elected each year by the whole school in a democratic election process. The pupil's voice is also heard through pupil conferencing and through pupil questionnaires. We know that the formation of the school council and the active participation of our pupils will sow the seeds for a more sophisticated understanding of democracy in the future.

The Rule of Law

Our pupils will encounter rules and laws throughout their entire lives. We want our pupils to understand that whether these laws govern the class, the school, the neighbourhood or the country, they are set for good reasons and must be adhered to.

This understanding of the importance of rules, rights and responsibilities will be consistently reinforced through assemblies, in classes, around the school and through our curriculum. The involvement of our pupils in the creation of the class charters helps them to understand the reasons behind the rules and the consequences if they are broken. Through SMSC circle times and Jigsaw, we allow opportunity to debate and discuss the reasons for laws so that children can recognise the importance of these for their own protection. Throughout the year we welcome visits from members of the wider community including the police, the fire brigade and many more. We believe that clear explanations and real life stories emphasise the importance of the rule of law for our pupils. Opportunities for children to take more responsibility around the school are encouraged.

Individual Liberty

We invest a great deal of time in creating a positive culture in our school, so that children are in a safe environment where choices and freedoms are encouraged and valued. Pupils are given the freedom to make a variety of meaningful choices such as choosing the level of challenge they want to progress to in a lesson. We offer a range of clubs which pupils have the freedom to choose from, based on their interests and skills. Through our E-Safety program, we educate children on their rights and personal freedoms as well as supporting them in recognising how to exercise these freedoms safely.

At Manadon Vale Primary School, we believe that valuing choice and freedom in daily school life will foster a value for individual liberty as the children embark upon their adult lives.

Mutual respect

Mutual respect is at the core of our school life. Our behaviour policy is based on acknowledging the positive; both pupils and parents had a chance to respond to the policy prior to publication.

The children learn to treat each other and staff with great respect. This is evident when walking around the School and in the classrooms. Each class draws up a class charter or a class agreement each year and use this to set the tone for the level of respect that is expected throughout the year.

Through E-Safety and Anti- Bullying week, the children are taught to value differences in themselves and others and most importantly to show respect to all.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Manadon Vale Primary School follows the Plymouth RE agreed syllabus which ensures that all children learn about the main religions and teaches respect and understanding for the cultures, beliefs, opinions and traditions or others. Class assemblies also help to contribute to the knowledge of special occasions, beliefs and customs.

Through our curriculum and the routines of our daily school life, we strive to demonstrate tolerance and help children to become knowledgeable and understanding citizens who can build a better Britain for the future. We use opportunities such as the Olympics and current news and events from around the world to help the children study and learn about life and cultures in different countries.