

Culture and  
Diversity  
@ South End  
Junior



Pocket Guide



# British Values and SMSC

At South End Junior School, we desire for our pupils to be successful, confident learners and responsible citizens. We recognise the importance of both the academic, personal development and well-being of every child in our school. This includes recognising the importance of providing a range of opportunities for our pupils to respond to, that supports their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

## **Spiritual development:**

Spiritual development: enables people to look within themselves at their human relationships and at the wider world. The spiritual development of all our children is addressed through the ethos of the school.

Through using the SACRE scheme of work we educate our children about the main world religions, customs and cultural traditions.

## **Moral development:**

Moral development: knowing what is right and wrong and acting on it accordingly.

## **Social development:**

Social development: developing an understanding of rights and responsibilities of living in a community- of-being a "responsible citizen".

## **Cultural development:**

Cultural development: knowledge and understanding of others' cultural traditions. We value and celebrate the cultural diversity of our school, our society and the world.

South End Junior School approaches the promotion of fundamental British values in line with the Government's PREVENT strategy. These British Values are: **democracy; individual liberty; the rule of law; mutual respect; tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.** Each value is defined on our school website. The values are embedded within our curriculum, practise and school ethos overall. We recognise it is everyone's duty to model the fundamental British Values as it is detailed in the current Teacher Standards section: Personal and Professional Conduct.

# Key events and celebrations.

Here is an overview of the events and religious festivals that are celebrated throughout the year at South End Junior School.

**October:** Black History Month- a celebration of African Caribbean contributions to society.

**October/November:** Diwali- a Hindu religious festival. Bonfire Night- British History. Remembrance Day- British History. St Andrew's Day- Scottish and English celebration.

**December:** Christmas- Linked to Christianity and British Christmas traditions.

**January:** Chinese New Year.

**March:** St David's Day- A celebration for England and Wales. St Patrick's Day- A celebration for England and Ireland.

**March/April:** Easter- Christian celebration. St George's Day- A celebration in England.

**June:** Eid- A Muslim religious celebration.

**July:** SEJ Carnival connected curriculum- International traditions /Caribbean culture. We welcome child and parental involvement within all of the events listed above. We also are open to ideas and suggestions for future events.

## **Assemblies**

We focus on a British Value as a whole school each term, allowing the children to demonstrate the value and apply it within day-to-day school life.

Every other Friday we have Global News assemblies. These assemblies inform children about global topics and world events. At South End Junior school we care about the rest of the world and the impacts that global events may have upon us here in the United Kingdom.