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The DfE have recently reinforced the need 'to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs'.

The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reiterated this year (2016/17). At Lime Walk Primary School these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year the children decide upon their class rules and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the class rules. We have a school council which meets at least once a term. All the children are involved in the meetings which are led by the year six children. As a result of recent school council meetings, the values have been decided, support has been given to our values display and the children are involved in helping to organise our well-being week. The children also take part in interviews for new teachers to the school

In addition to this, children complete an annual questionnaire where they are able to put forward their views about the school.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country, is consistently reinforced at Lime Walk Primary School through our policies and belief in positive reinforcement. At Lime Walk pupils are taught from an early age the rules of the school.

Individual Liberty

At Lime Walk Primary School pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices, for example, whether it is through choice of challenge, how they record their work or by choosing to participate in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities. Our homework projects allow children to choose activities that interest them and present them in interesting ways.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Lime Walk Primary School is a diverse school. We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. The children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

Curriculum

In Years 5/6, pupils undertake topics concerning Britain's settlement by Anglo-saxons and Scots, including the legacy left by this period in British history. They also learn about the Viking invasion of Britain as well as about famous figures in the history of Britain. Also Years 5 and 6 study the literary history of Britain which includes studying a range of authors e.g. Dickens and Shakespeare.'

In Year 3/4, pupils study the Iron Age and also the legacy of the Roman Empire and its impact in Britain, such as Viaducts, roads, and civilian life alongside research on British

authors such as Roald Dahl and Rudyard Kipling. Historical research is undertaken on British inventors and also major points in British History such significant turning points looking at historical battles.

In Year 1/2, there is a strong focus on the work of the Tudors and studies on the children's local environment and what is specific about where they live. Year 1's also have the opportunity of visiting the seaside, looking at the Great Fire of London, as well as researching British authors such as Julia Donaldson.

Our Early Years children spend time in their local environment and we are very fortunate to have a forest at the bottom of our field where regular learning walks take place, they research their family and the environment that they live in and look at transport that has shaped Britain such as trains and Buses.

Whole School Activities

As a whole school, we have celebrated the World Cup and the Olympics, with Olympic themed sports days, competitions, and opportunities to learn about the history of Olympians in this country (this has formed our House Competitions with houses being named after famous British Olympians). The whole school also participates in an annual Poppy Day commemoration where children can purchase poppies and a minute's silence is held. The schools' head boy and head girl and the house captains represent the school community in special assemblies and during charitable fund raising and awareness events such as children in need and the harvest festival. Children are also informed during assemblies about key historical events in British History that have relevance to celebrations and life today such as Guy Fawkes, Democracy in action, and achievements by British sporting heroes. On a general level, the school undertakes daily assemblies which uphold traditional values of empathy, respect and tolerance. These are also taught within formal PSHE and RE lessons and on an informal nature throughout the school days.

Values Based Education

The school has recently undertaken the decision to be a 'Values based Education' school and the school's key values have been decided by the staff, governors, parents, and children of Lime Walk Primary School and these are prominently displayed in the school's Library, and a value of the month is selected which underpins the ethos of the school.