



Spiritual Development at Vallis First School

As a school, we support a range of local and national charities and often fund raise for them. Visitors will share in assemblies and workshops the work of their charity.

The promotion of our school ethos and values enhances all aspects of spiritual development across the school.

We invite visitors from other faiths into school who may lead assemblies or lead workshops in class. We celebrate festivals from all religions.

We have a link with Holy Trinity Church in Frome. We visit the school for Harvest and Christmas celebrations as well as to enhance the R.E. curriculum.

ELSA and Play/Art therapy sessions support children in understanding their emotions.

Opportunities are given for children to question and share ideas within lessons, R.E. and circle time. Children and staff are happy to share their views in a positive and supportive environment and show respect to others.

Our curriculum encourages an understanding and interest in the world around them e.g. awe and wonder of seasons in EYFS/KS1; forest school.

The creative ethos of the school and the local community supports children expressing their emotions and their use of imagination.



Moral Development at Vallis First School

We have recently introduced the new RSH curriculum. We use a number of resources to support the teaching of PSHE. Circle times allow children to learn between right and wrong and to express their views.

During assemblies, the themes often discuss a range of issues which encourage question and debate regarding fairness and moral dilemmas.

We have a link with Rosetti House, a local care home, where a group of Year 4 children regularly visit and interact with the residents.

Vallis has an Anti-Bullying alliance group which lead assemblies and support classes in tackling bullying. We take part in anti-bullying week and other initiatives throughout the year.

Our behaviour policy encourages an understanding of right and wrong and understanding the consequences of their actions

Our Powerful Learner and Golden Rules focus encourages children to develop good learning behaviours that will help them throughout their lives.

Our school councils, which change each year depending on the school focus, support children in developing an understanding of the world and our impact on it.

Our involvement in internet safety week and other similar events promotes an understanding of moral and ethical issues which are discussed in a safe environment.



Our 4 learning powers support the children in developing their lifelong learning skills and are embedded throughout the school and curriculum.

Throughout the curriculum, we encourage and develop social skills and team work e.g. use of talk partners, team and individual tasks.

We have an excellent partnership with parents and an 'open door' policy. We welcome parents into school e.g. family learning events, parent association, readers.

Through monitoring and learning walks, behaviour in the school is very well managed with clear expectations.

Circle times encourage understanding of a range of issues and social differences. The ethos of the school nurtures respect and is fully inclusive.

Social Development at Vallis First School

We participate in sports competitions and a range of other local community events which develop their social skills in different contexts.

Children go on trips and the after school clubs encourages the children to socialise in different settings. The Y4 residential is based around team building skills.

We make links with other organisations in the local community which supports an understanding of different social settings and getting on with others e.g. Rosetti House Care Home, Museum, Art Galleries.

Some school interventions and the nurture groups support those children with developing their social skills and interactions in a safe and supportive environment.



Cultural Development at Vallis First School

The school has participated in the Frome Multi-Cultural events which celebrate the diversity in Frome.

We celebrate and learn about different cultural events and festivals from around the world in assemblies and class e.g. Chinese New Year.

The key texts in our curriculum celebrate other cultures and visits and visitors add to the cultural opportunities our children have.

We celebrate the 15 – 20 different languages spoken in the school with a languages day where the children participate in a range of activities and visitors share stories.

Curriculum events support the understanding and appreciation of the range of cultural influences that have shaped our lives e.g. Roman Market.

Topics in our curriculum all have a quality book as a focus and these include a wide range of multi-cultural books.

The school has links with a wide range of local groups e.g. Jackdaws music, FLP Sports Partnership, Hunting Raven Books that offer cultural opportunities.

Children participate in a range of opportunities that promote cultural understanding e.g. Bath Literacy Festival, Book Weeks.