

SMSC in school

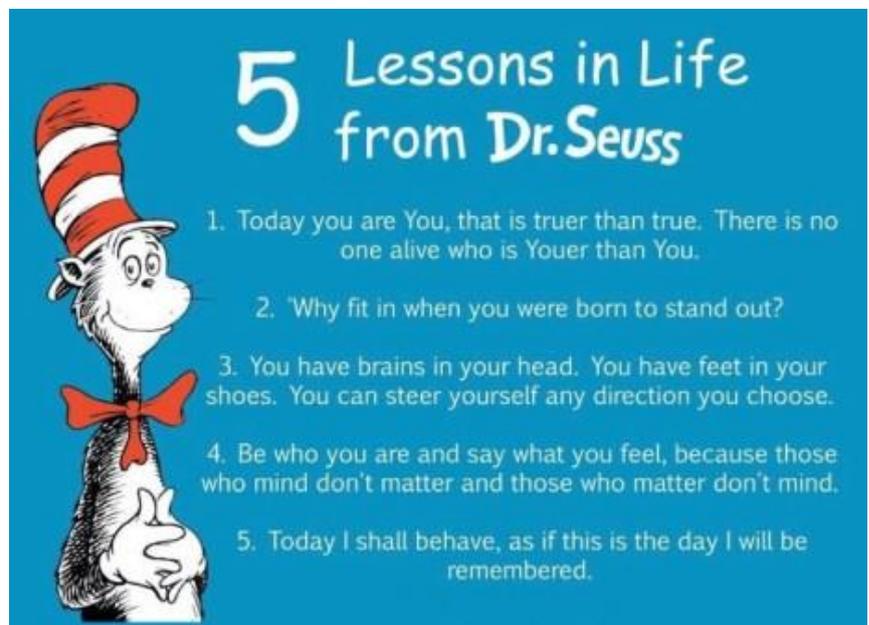
SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education) is a huge part of our curriculum that is built into to everyday life. It is important that alongside English and maths, our children experience a wide range of different opportunities. Some **SMSC** is built into the curriculum. For example Religious Education, where our children learn about different faiths, different topics where children will learn about different cultures.

Other areas of **SMSC** are more covert, but equally a very important part of everyday life. We firmly believe that our children should grow up to respect each other and develop a range of life skills that will help them as they grow into young adults and beyond. During **Collective Worship**, we encourage children to make their own decisions about whether to say the school prayer or quietly reflect on the topic of discussion. All the children know how to show their respect to others during this time and they are considerate of others individual choices. Our '**Golden Rule**' is to treat others as you wish to be treated; it is our hope that this will live with the children throughout their life.

On-Line Safety is a huge part of their social development. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe on line and are encouraged to talk openly about any issues they encounter. There are links on the school website that offer support to parents and children to help them understand more about the importance of on line safety.

British Values also form a huge part of social education. We regularly talk to our children about issues that have arisen in the news in an age appropriate manner and encourage our children to ask their own questions and discuss issues openly.

We often talk about '**Lessons for Life**' in school and try and help the children to understand that learning doesn't just begin and end with the school day. Social and moral values are important throughout their life; our aim is that all our children grow into caring, respectful and sensitive adults, who have the understanding and moral compass to be happy, prosperous and successful; whatever they choose to do. Whenever you are in school, have a look at the displays. You may notice some Dr Seuss pictures and quotes. These are to help the children to think about skills that are not just for school but for life!



If you have any queries about **SMSC**, please don't hesitate to ask and find out more.