

# SMSC Subject Statements

## Subject: English

### Spiritual

- English supports spiritual development by engaging children with poetry, fiction and drama. Through English children can explore and engage with the feelings and values found in a wide range of genre.

### Moral

- English supports moral development by enabling children to look, discuss and evaluate a range of social and moral issues found in a wide range of genre including newspapers, fiction, television and other media.

### Social

- English supports social development by helping children to understand how written and spoken language has changed over time. It also covers social attitudes to the use of language.

### Cultural

- English supports cultural development by exposing children to a wide range of written and spoken language from a range of cultures. In addition, it supports children to become confident and competent in their own language which is vital to their individual identity.

# Subject: Maths

## Spiritual

- Maths supports pupils spiritual development by helping them to develop deep thinking and questioning the way in which the world works. Through maths children gain an appreciation of the richness and power of mathematics in our everyday lives.

## Moral

- Maths supports pupils moral development through discussion about mathematical understanding and challenging assumptions, supporting children to question information and data that they are presented with. Maths helps children to understand and use rigorous and logical argument and discourage jumping to conclusions when trying to determine the truth.

## Social

- Maths support pupils social development by promoting self-esteem and building self-confidence. Maths encourages collaborative learning in the classroom in the form of listening and learning from each other and paired discussion and working with partners. We help pupils develop their mathematical voice and powers of logic, reasoning and explanation by offering explanations to each other. We provide events and team maths challenges for increased pupil involvement.

## Cultural

- Maths supports pupils cultural development by developing an appreciation with the pupils that mathematics, its language and symbols have developed from many different cultures around the world: e.g. Egyptian, Indian, Islamic, Greek and Russian roots. Through maths we investigate and research cross cultural patterns – tessellation

# Subject: Science

## Spiritual

- Science supports spiritual development by providing many opportunities for children to think and spend time reflecting on the amazing wonders which occur in our natural world.

## Moral

- Science supports moral development by showing children that different opinions need to be respected and valued. There are many moral and ethical issues that we cover in science including discussions about environmental and human issues.

## Social

- Science supports social development by exposing children to the power of collaborative working in the science community which has led to some amazing and life changing breakthroughs in medicine. When undertaking experiments and research children work collaboratively

## Cultural

- Science supports cultural development by looking at how scientists from a range of cultures have had a significant impact globally. It also helps children to understand how important science is to the economy and culture of the UK.

# Subject: History

## Spiritual

- History supports spiritual development by helping children develop a sense of curiosity and the mystery of how and why events in the past happened and raises questions as to what could have happened if events had had different results. Artefacts are used to give pupils a sense of the past and aid pupils in understanding the people who produced and used these objects. Pupils are encouraged to explore the role played by important individuals, for good or ill, in the shaping of the world we live in. Pupils also reflect upon different interpretations of the past and how these interpretations have been arrived at.

## Moral

- History supports moral development by asking children to consider and comment on moral questions and dilemmas. Events and beliefs in the past will often be at odds with what we would consider unacceptable today (and were to some people in the past also) Pupils will be encouraged to show compassion for people facing dilemmas and to empathise with decisions which people in the past made and the reasoning behind these decisions. Notions of right and wrong are explored in connection with events from the past, linking with the value of justice.

## Social

- History supports social development by exploring the similarities and contrasts between past and present societies and be made aware of how, in the main, we are very fortunate to live in 'the modern world' which links with the value of thankfulness. They will examine how other cultures have had a major impact on the development of 'British' culture. Pupils will also be encouraged to build up their own social development through collaborative and team working activities.

## Cultural

- History supports cultural development by encouraging children to gain an understanding of and empathise with, people from different cultural backgrounds. They will examine how other cultures have had a major impact on the development of 'British' culture. Pupils develop a better understanding of our multicultural society through studying links between local, British, European and world history

# Subject: Geography

## Spiritual

- Geography supports spiritual development by promoting a sense of wonder and fascination with the physical and human world. An understanding of scale is an important aspect of Geography and how small changes in climate can have far reaching consequences. Understanding that all life is linked together and create the processes that make Earth the only known inhabited planet.

## Moral

- Geography supports moral development by looking at a range of moral issues such how the development of cities have put pressure on wildlife. We cover moral issues of an ever increasing population and the different approaches taken by countries to tackle the problem. We explore issues of poverty and the moral dilemma of importing food and the consequences of it on global warming.

## Social

- Geography supports social development because social issues are common themes within geography. Children discuss issues such as global warming with an emphasis on how they can make a difference by making small changes to their lifestyles.

## Cultural

- Geography supports cultural development by helping children to understanding different cultures. Through geography children look at how different cultures and beliefs can impact on the environment and human issues. Children look at different places such as .....and are introduced to their customs and traditions allowing pupils to develop their humility and an understanding of the world as a global community.

# Subject: Art

## Spiritual

- Art supports spiritual development by introducing children to the work of great Artists and experiencing wonder and awe at the achievements of these great works of art. They also experience great admiration and respect for their peers' work when they see the level of achievement and progress.

## Moral

- Art supports moral development by encouraging mutual respect and the consideration for others' work. Pupils are encouraged to show compassion when assessing the work of others through, understanding how their comments can build up or destroy another's self- belief.

## Social

- Art and Design supports social development because children frequently required to work in pairs, groups or teams collaboratively. Children often work collaboratively requiring cooperation and communication linking to the values of trust and compassion.

## Cultural

- Art supports cultural development work by enabling children to study art involving various cultures and civilizations from around the world. They lead to a greater understanding of different ways of life and a respect for cultures that are very different from our own; how they can enrich our own lives. The fusion of art work between our own and other cultures leads to pupils incorporating designs, patterns and motifs in their own work developed by a deeper understanding of the culture.

# Subject: Music

## Spiritual

- Music supports spiritual development by encouraging through the experience and emotion of responding to performing, listening and composing music. We encourage our pupils to express their feelings verbally and in written form to improve their levels of articulacy. Where pupils are sensitive about expressing their feelings we nurture the confidence to do this by creating a supportive environment.

## Moral

- Music supports moral development by encouraging pupils to engage in critical discussions of musical performances and dramas/presentations from other children and also visiting professionals. Where there is a specific cultural or social reference that is explicit in the work examined we encourage pupils to reflect upon this. Where pupils present their own work we ensure fair and objective assessment and evaluation of their work.

## Social

- Music supports social development with children collaborating routinely in group tasks where they take responsibility for their own learning outcomes and progress. We encourage the skills of independence, resilience and time management. Where they engage in group tasks we build a sense of unity which leads to them addressing their individual abilities and strengths and learning to build upon these collaboratively.

## Cultural

- Music supports cultural development by encouraging a respect and deep appreciation for cultures around the world that have contributed to the development of our current popular musical styles. This philosophy also underpins our selection of music for performance events whether they are informal or formal occasions. We encourage children to create their own music and to incorporate different musical influences in their own composition. We use a wide variety of instruments from around the world to enrich the cultural experiences of our children.

# Subject: P.E

## Spiritual

- P.E supports spiritual development by increasing their knowledge and understanding of the body's performance when exercising; this leaves pupils amazed at the body's ability. Through Dance and sports such as Gymnastics pupils are being creative, expressing feelings and emotions in their performances. Allowing pupils' reflection time to evaluate their experiences allows them to build a positive mindset and promotes progression. Pupils will also see a sense of awe and wonder when observing elite performance from professional athletes and their peers.

## Moral

- P.E supports moral development by encouraging them to live a healthy lifestyle and promoting healthy living is apparent in each P.E lesson. Pupils develop the ability to tell between right and wrong through fair play in sporting events and participating in competitive situations, giving pupils a sense of justice, and how to respond appropriately when they feel there is an injustice. The frequent opportunity given to pupils to supports the importance of abiding by rules.

## Social

- P.E supports social development by developing the necessary skills to work in teams or pairs, as the majority of activities are based around team games or creating sequences in groups, co-operation with others is paramount to success. Giving the pupils roles such as leaders, coaches, or umpires, and offers pupils the opportunity to develop their communication skills, leadership skills and the ability to settle any discrepancies which may occur. Pupils are encouraged to reflect upon feelings of enjoyment and determination.

## Cultural

- P.E supports cultural development by giving children the opportunity to explore dances and learn games from different traditions and cultures including their own, such as .....Pupils also recognise and discuss the differences between male and female roles within sport, at both elite and amateur levels. Compassion and respect for other culture and traditions is also displayed by all when exploring unfamiliar games or dances. Pupils will discuss how culture affects what sports different nations excel at and how cultural traditions can affect which sports men and women participate in.

# Subject: D.T

## Spiritual

- D.T supports spiritual development by allowing pupils the opportunity to exercise imagination, inspiration, intuition and insight through creativity and risk taking in analysing, designing and manufacturing a range of products. It instils a sense of awe, wonder and mystery when studying the natural world or human achievement. Encouraging creativity allows pupils to express innermost thoughts and feelings and to reflect and learn from reflection, for example, asking 'why?', 'how?' and 'where?'.

## Moral

- D.T supports moral development by raising awareness of the moral dilemmas by encouraging pupils to value the environment and its natural resources and to consider the environmental impact of everyday products. It educates pupils to become responsible consumers.

## Social

- D.T Supports social development by providing opportunities to work as a team, recognising others' strengths and sharing equipment. Design Technology promotes equality of opportunity and provides an awareness of areas that have gender issues e.g. encouraging girls to use equipment that has been traditionally male dominated.

## Cultural

- D.T supports cultural development by encouraging children to reflect on ingenious products and inventions, the diversity of materials and ways in which design technology can improve the quality of life. It investigates how different cultures have contributed to technology and reflects on products and inventions, the diversity of materials and ways in which design can improve the quality of our lives.

# Subject: ICT

## Spiritual

- ICT supports spiritual development by looking at how ICT can bring rapid benefits to discussions and tolerance to an individual's beliefs. However, children are also exposed to the limitations and abuse of the internet where they question and justify the aims, values and principles of their own and others' belief systems.

## Moral

- ICT supports moral development by looking at how ICT developments have had an impact on the environment as technology has meant that old ways of working have been changed to help the environment.

## Social

- ICT supports social development by completing of group work within lessons as well as practical tasks. Children are required to understand about social media and the advantages these sites have brought as well as the numerous problems such as cyber bullying.

## Cultural

- The development in technology has impacted different cultures and backgrounds in different ways. More developed countries are able to keep pace with the developments in technology whilst less developed ones can't.