

# SMSC Update ELveden-January 2018

Over the past year, we have been very busy at Elveden trying to ensure that SMSC is embedded in everything we do throughout our school. We aim that our children will leave with an excellent Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education. To enable this to happen, we decided that we would have whole school themed days encompassing these.

## Spiritual

Early Years	<p><u>Awareness-sensing:</u> To go out into the environment and observe and reflect on something that they find beautiful</p> <p><u>Mystery sensing:</u> To explore the power of imagination through creative play</p> <p><u>Value-sensing:</u> To experience delight and despair and recognise these emotions</p>	increasing depth of understanding
KS1	<p><u>Awareness sensing:</u> To become aware of their own bodies through a period of stillness and guided meditation.</p> <p><u>Mystery sensing:</u> To explore the power of imagination through creative play.</p> <p><u>Value-sensing:</u> The poisonous parrot activity - learning to identify negative self-talk and love yourself and others.</p>	
Lower KS2	<p><u>Awareness sensing:</u> Listen to pieces of music with attention and match them to images of emotional states.</p> <p><u>Mystery sensing:</u> To explore awe and wonder through a creative activity</p> <p><u>Value-sensing:</u> To follow a stream of endless curiosity and meaning making through a questions activity.</p>	
Upper KS2	<p><u>Awareness sensing:</u> To develop a sense of the here and now - wiggle your toes etc.</p> <p><u>Mystery sensing:</u> To explore awe and wonder through dissection of a flower etc. linked to the Fibonacci Sequence.</p> <p><u>Value-sensing:</u> To explore your currently identity by reflecting on your past and talking to your future self.</p>	

In Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup>, our focus was on the Spiritual aspect of SMSC. The children had a full day of activities, which aimed to allow children and staff time and space to develop a sense of self, taking a look at their strengths and weaknesses, and questioning what their unique potential may be. They explored what drove them as a person, and asked fundamental questions about themselves and their place in the world. Below is a guide of how the children explored this throughout the day. Evidence of the day was kept in our fabulous new scrap books with direct quotes from the children themselves!

## Moral

We have also ensured that we take time to reflect on the morality of life, especially when making beautiful offerings for both the harvest festival and the remembrance service. We reflected on how people had sacrificed their lives during the war and the moral dilemma they





must have faced in order to take the lives of others. And for harvest, we reflected on how fortunate we are and how we have a moral obligation to make sure that we take care of those less fortunate than ourselves. The children created harvest poems and artwork and were very generous with their offerings. Furthermore, we had a fabulous day making our Christingles in our family groups- we were real team Ants and worked together!

### Cultural

To expand our cultural knowledge, we have been broadening our knowledge of the wider world by having in faith visitors from other schools. We had a visitor from the faith of Islam who taught us all about his culture and the comparisons to our own. The children had lots of questions and were not



particularly keen on the idea of fasting! In addition, we have been celebrating our own Christian culture of Christmas! The children all performed in a fabulous play of the Nativity story and also put on an amazing Christmas Fayre, teaching them the value of enterprise in our culture.



### Social

We always have a big focus on the social aspect of SMSC at Elveden, with a big focus on sharing in Maths lessons and through our BLP animals- especially the Team Ant! We have focussed on giving our children opportunities such as being Play Leaders and Buddies to try and enable them to make the social bonds and links with the other children that will give them life-long skills. In addition, the children have been taking part in some fabulous clubs such as art club; fitness club; rugby and cooking. All of these amazing opportunities have given the children opportunities to hone their social skills.

Next half term we will be having our marvellous moral day! Watch this space!