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[**Promoting British Values**](http://battledown.org.uk/Promoting_British_Values.aspx)

Within Preschool we embed in our teaching and learning the British Values of:

·        Democracy

·        The rule of law

·        Individual liberty

·        Mutual respect

·        Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

We teach children values, respect and to be proud to be British.  We celebrate both British traditions and the diversity of other traditions in Britain.

**Democracy**

The child’s voice plays a big part of life at Pre-school. We encourage children to:

* Understand that their views count and to value the views of others. We show them that we value their contributions through questions and comments.
* Talk about/communicate their feelings, for example if they are feeling happy or sad or if they need help or not.
* Listen to each other, through circle time activities.
* Take turns and share, through planned group activities or during free play.
* They demonstrate democracy in action by a show of hands, choosing what they want to play with or which story shall we have.  We encourage a lot of child initiated play with children making choices about how they want to explore and play.

**The Rule of Law:**

We promote the rule of law by teaching children right from wrong. The understanding of our Pre-school rules are consistently adhered to through circle times and intervention strategies.

·        Talking to children about appropriate behaviour.

·        Children behaving within agreed and clearly defined boundaries.

·        Teaching children to understand consequences of their and other’s behaviour

·        Table manners and being polite, saying please and thank you.

·        Tidy up time – everyone helps which promotes learning social responsibility.

**Individual liberty**

We ensure children are not being radicalised at an early age.  Staff are watching out for and checking that children are safe, healthy and secure in all environments.

·        We encourage children to be the best they can possibly be.

·        Through PSE children develop self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence.

·        We provide opportunities for children to increase their confidence in their own abilities e.g. risk taking in Forest School, using scissors, mark making. This helps boost their self –esteem.

·        We provide a range of experiences that allow children to understand they are free to have different opinions e.g. small group discussions/circle time – what makes them happy/sad?

·        We teach the children about compromise so that they understand they can believe in different things but still play together; learning about similarities and differences between themselves and others.

**Mutual respect**

We ensure children have the right to say ‘no’ and be respected for their choices. We teach the children to have respect and show kindness to others.  Children learn to:-

·      Value family, friends and others

·        Be kind, helpful and respectful to others.

·        Have empathy and understanding.

·        Be part of local community through joining in with local events, such as May Day

**Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

We include world religions and festivals in our planning to teach children about the world in which they live; Children learn that people come from different types of families, live in different houses, speak different languages etc. Through our activities and teaching children begin to develop understanding that they are part of a much wider world through cooking, songs, celebrations, art, music and dance. We teach children the importance of:

·        Tolerant behaviours such as sharing and respecting each other’s opinions.

·        Respecting and learning about the world they live in both manmade and the natural world. Ren & Families. Harp Hill, Cheltenham GL52 6PZ Tel: 01242 525472 • Fax: 01242 257557

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