

Personal Development Curriculum Intent

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development is the over-arching umbrella that encompasses personal development across our whole school curriculum. At Oyster Park Primary Academy, we recognise that SMSC development is central to the education of all pupils and permeates the whole curriculum and ethos of the school.

Our approach to SMSC helps to develop a well-rounded, holistic and meaningful curriculum for all of our children. This is reflected in the behaviours of individuals and in their interactions and also the provision of teaching, resources and learning environments. Through SMSC we aim to help children understand how they are developing personally and socially, and tackle many of the moral, social and cultural issues that are part of growing up. It is our hope that children are provided with opportunities to discuss their wellbeing and how they may be feeling, whilst providing strategies to cope with different aspects of mental health and wellbeing. We provide our children with opportunities to learn about rights and responsibilities and appreciate what it means to be a member of a diverse society. It is our hope that SMSC provides children with integral life skills and experiences that they will need in life. It is our hope that the SMSC curriculum can develop to support our children to strive in our ever-changing world.

Personal Development is taught through a whole school approach as well taught explicitly through a number of areas across the curriculum including Science, Computing, Physical Education (PE), Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC), Physical, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE), Religious Education (RE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). All areas ensuring that they are promoting, Protected Characteristics, Cultural Capital, British Values, Parental Engagement and Mental Well-being.

Our Social Skills curriculum follows a spiral curriculum approach meaning that each year children revisit similar themes. Each year children will explore the theme at an age appropriate level with a focus question each week linking to their age and development.

Personal Development Curriculum Implementation

- Weekly Social Skills lessons with year group specific focus.
- Termly RSHE specific lessons following The Christopher Winter Project curriculum.
- Educational Visits
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- Links with the wider community-
- Religious Education curriculum.
- Religious Education enrichment- visits to local places of worship, religious leaders, RE workshops.
- Local community visits

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- Assemblies
- Online Safety curriculum
- Celebrating positive learning attributes through celebration assemblies.
- After school clubs
- Well thought out transitions throughout school and beyond.
- ELSA Trained Staff
- Family Support Workers
- School Council
- Roles and responsibilities across school e.g. Reading Ambassadors
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
- Protected Characteristics book links
- Protected Characteristics Displays
- Charity events
- Parental engagement workshops and events
- Emotional registers in each classroom
- Reflection Stations
- Growth Mindset Displays
- Cultural Capital Book Displays
- Protected Characteristics Displays
- Collaboration with other schools
- Staff members consistently modelling how to be a good citizen and upholding our school values.

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Autumn 1						
Week	Social Skills Theme	Cultural Capital Book Links	Religious Events/Festivals	Educational Visits/ Visitors/ Enhancements	Parental Engagement	Extra-curricular Opportunities
01/09/2025	Personal Development Week					Personal Development Week
08/09/2025	Emotions and Feelings	Roald Dahl Day (13 th September)				
15/09/2025	Protected Characteristics	Fairtrade Fortnight (9 th -22 nd September)				
22/09/2025	European Day of Languages	International Day of Sign Languages (23 rd September)				
29/09/2025	Black History Month	Black History Month	Rosh Hashana (22 nd - 24 th September)		Phonics and Phonics Screening Check Workshop	Reading Ambassadors Selection Process
06/10/2025		World Mental Health Day (10 th October) #Hello Yellow	Harvest Festival			
13/10/2025	RSE Lesson 1	Recycle Week (14 th - 20 th October)	Sukkot (7 th - 13 th October)			
20/10/2025	Online Safety Lesson 2	International Artists Day (25 th October)	Diwali (1 st November)			

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Autumn 2						
Week Commencing	Social Skills Theme	Enrichment Bookcase	Religious Events/Festivals	Educational Visits/ Visitors/ Enhancements/Immersion	Parental Engagement	Extra-curricular Opportunities
03/11/2025	Fire/Firework Safety					
10/11/2025	Anti-Bullying Week	Remembrance Day (11 th November)	Inter Faith Week (12 th - 19 th November)			
17/11/2025	Road Safety Week					
24/11/2025	Parliament Week	Guru Nanak's Birthday (27 th November)				
01/12/2025	Good Manners	Advent (1 st December)	Advent (1 st December)			
08/12/2025	Friendship	Human Rights Day (10 th December)				

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15/12/2025	Christmas Around the World	Hannukah 25 th December)	Hannukah (14 th – 22 nd December)	Whole School-Christmas Plays		
Spring 1						
Week Commencing	Social Skills Theme	Enrichment	Religious Events/Festivals	Educational Visits/ Visitors/ Enhancements/Immersion	Parental Engagement	Extra-curricular Opportunities
05/01/2026	Rules and New Years Resolutions	World Braille Day (4 th January)				
12/01/2026	World Religion Day	Energy Saving Week (17 th January- 23 rd January)				
19/01/2026	People Who Care For Us	World Religion Day (21 st January)	World Religion Day (21 st January)	Year 5 and 6 Knife Crime Workshops (19 th January)		
26/01/2026	Being Safe and Consent					
02/02/2026	LGBTQ+ History Month/Relationship	Safer Internet Day (6 th February)				
09/02/2026	Children's Mental Health Week	Chinese New Year/Lunar New Year (17 th February)	The start of Ramadan (17 th February) Shrove Tuesday (17 th February) Ash Wednesday (18 th February)			
Spring 2						

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Week Commencing	Social Skills Theme	Enrichment	Religious Events/Festivals	Educational Visits/ Visitors/ Enhancements/Immersion	Parental Engagement	Extra-Curricular Opportunities
23/02/2026	Healthy Lifestyles	International Mother Language Day (21 st February)				
02/03/2026	National Careers Week	World Book Day (7 th March) International Women's Day (8 th March)	Holi (3 rd March) Purim (3 rd March)			
09/03/2025	Railway Safety					
16/03/2026	RSE Lesson 2	International Day of Happiness (20 th March)	Eid-Al-Fitr (20 th March)			
23/03/2026	Easter		Easter (5 th April)			
Summer 1						
Week Commencing	Social Skills Theme	Enrichment	Religious Events/Festivals	Educational Visits/ Visitors/ Enhancements/Immersion	Parental Engagement	

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13/04/2026	Community/ Anti-Social Behaviour	Earth Day (22 nd April)				
20/04/2026	First Aid	Sun Awareness Week				
27/04/2026	Managing Money		Vesak (12 th May)			
04/05/2026	Summer Safety	Death Awareness Week (6 th May- 12 th May)				
11/05/2026	Mental Health Awareness Week	Endangered Species Day (15 th May)				

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18/05/2026	World Day for Cultural Diversity	National Smile Month (16th May- 15 th June)	Eid- Al-Adha (26 th May)			
Summer 2						
Week Commencing	Social Skills Theme	Enrichment	Religious Events/Festivals	Educational Visits/ Visitors/ Enhancements/Immersion	Parental Engagement	
01/06/2026	World Environment Day	Eid-Al-Adha (6 th - 10 th June)	01/06/2026			
08/06/2026	Healthy Eating Week	World Refugee Week (15 th June)	08/06/2026			
15/06/2026	British Values	World Music Day (21 st June)	15/06/2026			
22/06/2026	RSE Lesson 3	World Wellbeing Week (23 rd – 29 th June)	22/06/2026			
29/06/2026	Faith- Other People and Places	International Joke Day (1 st July)	29/06/2026			

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06/07/2026	Water Safety	Emmeline Pankhurst Day (14 th July)	06/07/2026			
13/07/2026	Transition	Disability Awareness Day (14 th July)	13/07/2026			