

PSHE/RSE Introduction

Darwen St James'
C of E Primary Academy



Nurturing ambition through a living faith in PSHE and RSE at Darwen St James' is –

Nurture –

We have developed our Nurture groups to enable children to work collaboratively in their age group in areas of health and wellbeing, entrepreneurship, eco/environmental issues and citizenship. We have been lucky enough to have some funds raised by PTFA, which has enabled us to turn an unused space into a Nurture Room, this has been put to good use with our SEMH groups, 1-1 work and much more. We have team members who work with groups of children on PD targets, team building, challenge and risk taking, as well as on the yard facilitating group sports effectively. In our Academy, we are developing our Growth Mindset, through classroom practices, language that we use and whole school and community challenge events.

Ambition –

The first display that you seen upon entering DSJ, is our ambition display, this year it is called, Reach for the stars, this is something that the whole school do as a first week activity, putting emphasis on what they want to achieve and helping them prepare for their future and also helping us tailor our curriculum where we can. We hold an annual Aim High day, where we ask local businesses and professions to come into school for our careers fair. We want to highlight some of the many different career paths there are for the children to aspire to and aim for. We have Inspirational speakers and visitors into school to talk about their journey's and work alongside the children. Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to work with a local High School to develop enterprise skills, which links very nicely with the whole school taking part in the National Tycoon competition by the Peter Jones Foundation. Which, through our Nurture Group time, enables children to set up and run a business, holding different roles within that business to understand each job better. This has been very successful with most businesses not only breaking even, but making a profit!

Faith-

We have chosen 5 whole school values to live out through our actions and deeds. These values are Perseverance, Courage, Hope, Love and Friendship. These values are intrinsic to how we look at relationships as part of our PSHE. We are developing our Growth Mindset, which includes team work, challenges, risk taking and perseverance, this was introduced through PSHE lessons and in worship time.

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Citizens-

Citizenship is a large part of PSHE and also our nurture groups and School Council. We aim for our pupils to be responsible citizens of tomorrow and to be involved in their community. We have held a litter picking event and plan to do more, the school council have divided up school so that each class is responsible for the maintenance of the school grounds. We have been actively involved in charity work locally, nationally and internationally. Our Nurture time has been used to explore team building, conflict resolution, communication through entrepreneurship and environmental issues.

We believe that PSHE is one of our main curriculum drivers here at DSJ and as such it runs through all areas of school life.