

At Mrs Ethelston's Primary Academy, it is our intent that all children will be well-rounded, reflective and confident individuals, who achieve their full potential. We offer a safe and secure learning environment in which each child is encouraged to nurture strong growth, flourish and where their achievements and successes are celebrated and rewarded. As a school, we believe that children are all individuals and therefore, we aim to encourage mutual respect, responsibility and foster self-esteem in a happy and caring atmosphere.

The teaching and learning of PSHE using the Jigsaw programme supports this. Through using Jigsaw our children acquire knowledge, understanding and the skills they need to manage their lives now and in their futures. It develops the qualities and attributes children need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society and the global community.

Jigsaw is implemented throughout the whole school during weekly whole class Jigsaw lessons focusing on different topics each half term. PSHE is embedded through all lessons and the whole school day with everyone supporting and encouraging the children they interact with to use the skills they are developing and to make links to other areas of learning. These themes are constantly revisited throughout the year as we refer to them in our core values, whether this is through worship, class discussions, themed days and daily opportunities.

The six themes of jigsaw are:

- Being me in my world
- Celebrating difference
- Dreams and goals
- Healthy me
- Relationships and
- Changing me

Jigsaw deals with the diverse beliefs, values and attitudes that individuals and societies hold. It helps pupils to develop themselves, their understanding of the world, and their ability to communicate their feelings. Children at Mrs Ethelston's also acquire an understanding and experiences of British values that are necessary if they are to make sense of their experiences, value themselves, respect others, appreciate differences and feel confident and informed as a British citizen.

Through our PSHE education, we believe we can enhance children's education and help them to become caring, respectful and confident individuals.