What are British Values?

At Oswald Road we uphold and teach pupils about British Values. According to Ofsted, 'fundamental British values' comprise of:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.



Democracy

Pupils are always listened to by adults and are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. We encourage pupils to take ownership of not only their school but also of their own learning and progress. This encourages independence as well as personal and social responsibility and is demonstrated on a daily basis by our pupils. We also actively promote and contribute towards raising money for charities and those in need.

What we do to promote Democracy

School council

Year 6 House Captains

Anti-bullying policy has been written with the children

Rights Ambassadors - We are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School

Pupils being valued and encouraged - In May children raised money for

Green Day, and money was contributed towards the Owl Garden to promote a more eco -friendly school

We have raised money for various charities including Baraakah Food Aid and 'Wear a Onesie' to school day to raise money for Children in Need

Lunch time buddies

The Great Year 2 Bake Off

Children took part in an anti-bullying and e-safety week

The children agree their classroom rules at the start of the year

Children's voice

British Values Day

Year 3 World War Two visit to reflect on the sacrifices made by others

Pastoral Event and care workshops to promote our new PSHE unit

The Rule of Law

At Oswald Road, the importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country are consistently reinforced throughout the school day. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves, and the consequences when laws are broken. These values are reinforced in different ways:

What we do to promote The rule of Law

At the start of the school year, each class discusses and sets its own class rules to ensure that every class member is able to learn in a safe and ordered environment

Regular class and whole school assemblies take place

To encourage and promote good behaviour, attitude and work children are rewarded for behaviour through stickers, star of the week assemblies and certificates, house points, outstanding behaviour choices display, Freestyle Friday, Lunch time VIPs

Attendance badges given out to children

During British Values Day, Year 6 and Early Years had the opportunity of having a talk from an Ex Police Officer

New behaviour system written by children

Nursery visit from fire service

During the teaching of RE children learn about rules for different faiths

MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT PAITHS

At Oswald Road, we teach children to promote and celebrate all backgrounds and beliefs. The school is situated in an area of great cultural diversity, therefore we place great emphasis on promoting diversity with the children.

What we do to promote MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT FAITHS

Teaching regular RE, PSHE lessons and celebrating religious events such as Eid, Diwali and St George's Day

Harvest assembly

In art and music by considering cultures from other parts of the world

Celebrating cultures through Culturally Speaking Day

Black History Week

School Mela

Remembrance Day

Individual Liberty

Oswald Road also promotes freedom of choice and the right to respectfully express views and beliefs. Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Oswald Road educates and provides boundaries for the children to make choices safely. We encourage pupils to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms.

What we do to promote individual Liberty

Pupils are introduced to a range of beliefs and experiences so that they are able to make more informed choices for themselves

Pupils encouraged to voice views in lessons

Pupils are given a choice about which ideas they want to vote for - this takes place within the school council, eco council

Pupils are exposed to and given a choice of extracurricular activities for example Year 5/6 Netball club

Children are given choices about what learning, challenge or activity they will complete including peer marking

Pupils have the choice to wear a standard set of clothing to school or their own clothes

Freestyle Fridays - children are able to choose an activity of their choice that they can respond to in their own unique manner

Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advise how to exercise these safely, for example through our e-safety and PSHE lessons