**The LIFE Rural Primary Curriculum for**





**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

**EYFS**

**Subject Intent Statement**

Within our Rural Primary Schools, we believe every child must be provided with the opportunity to succeed and to develop personally and socially enabling them to cope with life and live safely and happily in the modern world. Our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) and Relationships Education (RSE) are a fundamental aspect of this and underpins all learning. Through our curriculum, our schools’ environments and the different ethos’ of our schools, we promote pupils’ self-esteem and emotional well-being, leading to boundless creativity whereby our children will confidently bring ideas to life and approach all tasks with courageous optimism. Through the teaching of PSHE and RSE, our children will form and maintain worthwhile and satisfying relationships, based on respect for themselves and for others, at home, at school and in the local community. Please also see the *LIFE Education Trust RSE Policy*.

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| **Topic/ELG** | **Key Knowledge**  | **Skills Progression**  | **Rationale**  |
| **Ourselves and Emotions**RulesDifferent EmotionsKeeping cleanHealthy Bodies | * Children learn the expectations of the classroom and around the school.
* Children learn what different emotions they might experience.
* Children begin to understand how these different emotions may make them feel.
* Children understand the importance of keeping their teeth clean.
* Children learn how to keep their teeth clean.
* Children learn about their bodies and how to stay clean.
* Children understand the importance of a healthy body
* Children learn what we do to keep our bodies healthy.
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* Emotional health is an important part of overall health. People who are emotionally healthy are in control of their thoughts, therefore teaching emotional health from EYFS is vital.
* Being aware of our emotions can help us to talk about feelings more clearly, avoid or resolve conflicts better, and move past difficult feelings more easily.
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| **Celebrations**DiwaliWhat makes a good friend?BehaviourHanukkahHelping at homeKeeping SafeChirstmas | * Children look at the festival of Diwali.
* Children identify how the festival Diwali is celebrated.
* Children will learn how to be a good friend.
* Children will understand what qualities makes good friend.
* Understand what is acceptable behaviour at different social events.
* Discover all about Hanukka and what it is.
* Children find out how Hanukka is celebrated.
* The importance of jobs.
* The value of helping out in and around the home.
* How to stop the spread of germs.
* Understand how germs can spread quickly.
* Look at the importance offhand washing.
* Understand the Christian festival and what Christians do to celebrate this.
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* Understanding what makes a good friend fits in with our school values, children will become well rounded, confident individuals.
* Children are feeling more settled at this stage in their learning. They begin to explore friendships.
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| **Fairy Tales**Challenging TasksOvercoming ObstaclesJobsValentines Day | * Understand what is a challenge.
* To accept a challenge is good and to know not to give up.
* Understanding the importance of working hard and never giving up.
* To be confident in overcoming things that we found difficult.
* Understand that obstacles can be overcome.
* Children will learn to be inspired by others careers.
* Children learn about Valentine Day and why this festival is important to many.
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* Boundless creativity, one of our school values, helps the children to see that there are no boundaries and they can be as creative as they wish.
* Knowing that there are challenges and obstacles that can be overcome will lay a solid foundation for success in later life.
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| **On the Farm**Health EatingFoods on the farmImportance of exerciseSt Patricks DayMother’s DayHealthy Sleep | * Children understand what is healthy to consume.
* Children understand some foods are unhealthy.
* How animals make dairy products.
* Framers grow fruit and vegetables.
* The importance of exercise to stay healthy.
* Understand why St Patricks day is celebrated.
* Who is St Patrick?
* Who will celebrate St Patricks day?
* Sleep is important part of staying healthy.
* How we can get good sleep.
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* The Rural Primary Schools are healthy schools and this is what we promote across the schools.
* Learning about importance of exercise is crucial at this stage as exercise helps concentration.
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| **Mini-Beasts**Friends and familyFriendshipUnderstand kind behaviourPositive and negative phrasesHow to be a kind friendfears | * Who is important to the children?
* Why are these people important?
* Look at what makes a good friend
* What different behaviours make a good friend?
* Kind words
* Unkind words
* How to behave kindly towards another person.
* To understand that we all have fears
* How to overcome our fears and strategies we learn to cope with our fears?
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* Kind words and positive language can help someone’s wellbeing, therefore it is so important to teach this from an early age.
* Using positive words can boost the children’s reasoning abilities.
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| **Dinosaurs**ValuesFather’s DayStages of growing upWhat makes a good friend?Feelings of anxiety | * Understand the importance of values and what they mean.
* Know each stage of growing up from baby to Toddler, to child to teen to adulthood.
* To understand which stage of growing up they are at.
* To know which stage of growing up others are at.
* To know the qualities of a good friend.
* To know how we look after our friends.
* To know feelings of anxiety are normal.
* To know how to deal with these feelings of anxiety.
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* In our school we follow values: heart felt compassion, courageous optimism and boundless creativity, to help children to grow and develop to the best of their ability. In EYFS we teach these values and help the children to understand what they mean so that they can live their lives through the values.
* The decisions the children make every day are a reflection of the values.
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