

British Values Week

In November 2017, we had a theme week with a focus on learning about the British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

The week included joint projects with Orchard Lea Infant school. Each year group paired up with a different year group and researched an area of the British Isles.

Year 3 and Year 6 worked together to make English roses. They wrote about their understanding of British Values on the petals.



Year 3 also made posters to explain what the British Values are.



Year 4 and Year 1 worked together to make Scottish kilts and sporrans as part of their research on Scotland.



Year 5 and Year 2 created a collage of the Welsh flag. Year 5 also did some research about Wales and Welsh traditions.



In addition to their joint project with Year 3, Year 6 researched important facts about people and places in Northern Ireland and in England.

Year 5 and 6 had a visit from a Crown Clerk from the courts in Portsmouth. The clerk explained what happens in court and talked through the roles of the different people in Court. Following this, Year 5 ran a mock trial for Goldilocks and discussed her crimes and the consequences for her actions.

Each year group had the opportunity to investigate items that are used in Parliament. These were in a loan box which was sent from the Houses of Parliament. The items led to discussions about the purpose of parliament and the different parties and houses in parliament.



Following their work with the items from parliament and their understanding of law and the justice system from the court clerk's presentation, Year 6 had a debate about whether prisoners should be entitled to TVs and games consoles in prison.



Mrs Thornbury's assembly was based around the history behind Bonfire Night as this had links to the way parliament was run many years ago and that people were not free to practise their own religions and beliefs in England. She explained that we are a more democratic and respectful society today.

Miss Knowles spoke to the children in a whole school assembly about freedom and discussed the work and life of Malala Yousafzai.

Our school council met this week to discuss progress on our outdoor learning project and other issues that are important to the children in our school.

During the week, Mrs Thornbury and two children from each class visited Fareham Police station to learn more about the British value 'the rule of law'. They looked around the police station and discussed what happens if you are arrested and the consequences for different crimes. They discussed the difference between the role of a police officer and a PCSO. The children also had the opportunity to try on some of the equipment and sit inside a police car.



We concluded the week with a joint assembly with the infant school. In the assembly, we shared the varied and creative work that we had done in our classes and showed the other year groups our work from the joint projects. All the staff and children sang the British national anthem together and held a minutes silence for remembrance.

