



How are the British Values developed in English?

At Bridgewater we promote the fundamental British Values through our English Curriculum:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect



The Bridgewater Literature Spine provides a range of books that teach the themes of tolerance, mutual respect and democracy. It includes a variety of stories, poems and other writings that are from different cultures, used across the curriculum and reflect our school values of respect, responsibility and resilience. Our school library and book band selection has a comprehensive selection of literature to ensure that every child can see themselves in a book. Texts are carefully selected so pupils are able to connect to their own life experiences to consider individual liberty and the extent to which they use their freedoms. They also support pupils to explore choices for future education choices and careers. Visitors and celebrations are carefully considered to ensure diversity is celebrated throughout the year.

Opportunities within writing help to explore British Values either directly or indirectly through careful consideration of audience and purpose. Child-initiated learning experiences are a key feature within Early Years, where children are given opportunities to decide on the activities, they wish to pursue to help foster the concept of individual liberty. Pupils are supported to understand themselves as learners (meta-cognition) and to challenge themselves to take the next step. A growth mind-set approach is encouraged, with pupils understanding that their abilities can be developed through dedication, resilience and hard work. This helps to create a life-long love of reading and writing.

Safe and respectful classrooms allow considered class discussions were asking questions, clarifying understanding and sharing different perspectives and viewpoints is encouraged and valued. Promoting and teaching pupils to have an implicit understanding of the language and vocabulary that surrounds them in relation to British Values, builds confidence with spoken language so pupils are able to build confidence to identify and speak out when they feel a sense of injustice for themselves or others.