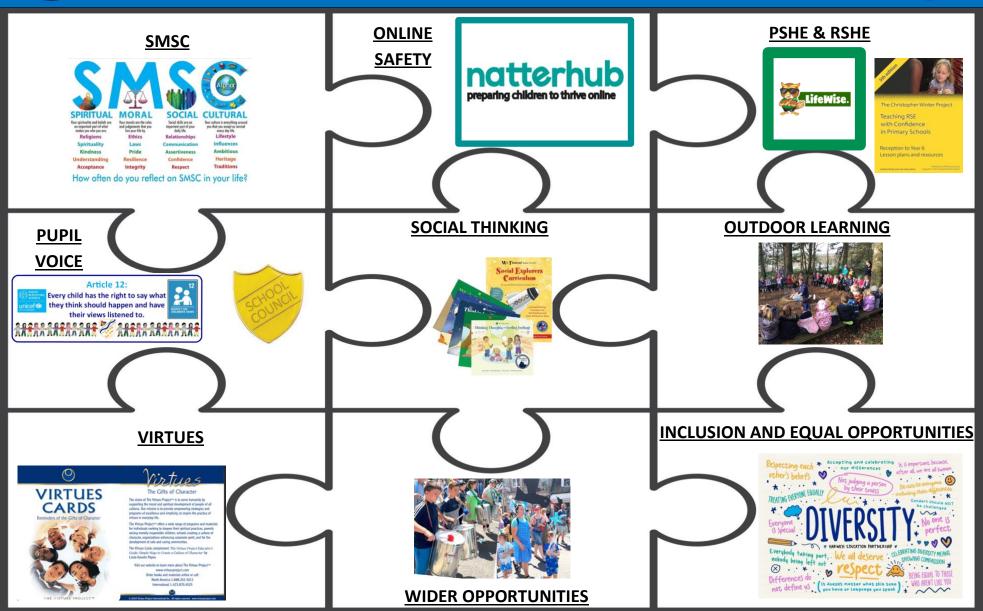


AREAS OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT PENSANS C.P. SCHOOL





SOCIAL THINKING

Social Thinking = ME + YOU = US

Social Thinking is the type of thinking you do to figure out yourself and other people.

(Michelle Garcia Winner - Social Explorers Curriculum – Volume 1)

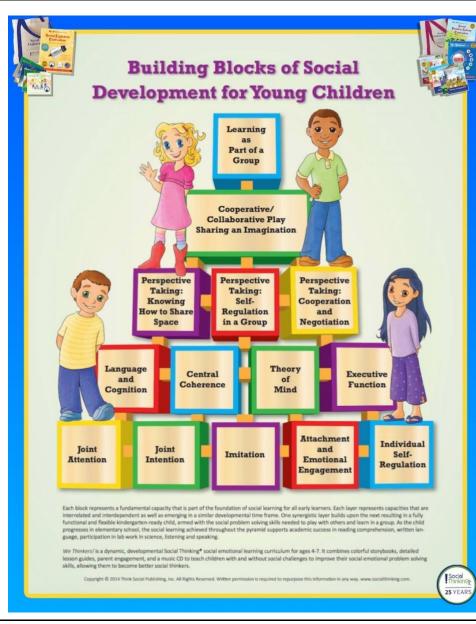
Skills that are often taken for granted in the classroom, for example the ability to share attention and space, attend, listen and respond to others, may not have been learned and practised. These skills have an impact on learning and successful social interaction with peers.

At Pensans, we believe that having the opportunity to learn and practise these skills will enable our children to think about themselves and others. Social thinking is integral to everyone's personal development.

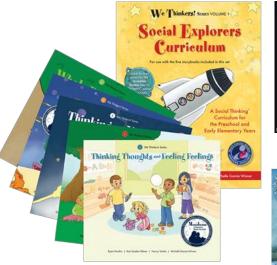
THE CENTRE PIECE OF THE PUZZLE.

The children will learn about the social mind, social expectations, their own thinking and that of others to help them make better decisions and be better learners, and to interact successfully with their peers.

We are excited to be focusing on Social Thinking as we believe that teaching children the concepts they need to engage in learning and collaborative play is relevant to all children, not just those with differences and difficulties with social communication; It is inclusive and embraces diversity.



At Pensans, we have just started teaching the "We Thinkers! Series Volume 1. Social Explorers Curriculum. We have made it bespoke to Pensans, by using an adapted mixed medium approach.

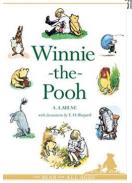






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SMSC

SMSC stands for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Our children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and, within this, the promotion of fundamental British values, are at the heart of our school's vision and ethos: PENSANS CARES

(C)ommunity

(A)spirational

(R)elationships

(E)xperiences

(S)uccess

Throughout our broad curriculum, daily timetables, assemblies, trips, newsletters and social media, we endeavour to embrace every opportunity to enable every member of our school community to **personally develop**. We want each and every one of our children to live happy, healthy and productive lives and have hopes and dreams for their future. We are committed to providing an ambitious curriculum which inspires and engages, sparking a passion towards learning. We want to create drive and determination in our children encouraging them to make a difference in our world whilst developing their spiritually and faith.

Spiritual: Explore beliefs and experience; respect faiths, feelings and values; enjoy learning about oneself, others and the surrounding world; use imagination and creativity; reflect.

<u>Moral</u>: Recognise right and wrong; respect the law; understand consequences; investigate moral and ethical issues; offer reasoned views and have an appreciation of the <u>BRITISH VALUES</u>: <u>DEMOCRACY</u>, <u>RULE OF LAW</u>, <u>RESPECT AND TOLERANCE</u>, <u>INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY</u>

Social: Investigate and moral issues; appreciate diverse viewpoints; participate, volunteer and cooperate; resolve conflict; engage with the fundamental values of British democracy.

Cultural: Accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that children can draw upon and which demonstrates their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence; it is one of the key ingredients a student will draw upon to be successful in society, their career and the world of work. (The term 'Cultural Capital' is often used to describe this)

To aspire and be successful academically and in the wider areas of their lives, they need to be given rich and sustained opportunities to develop their cultural capital.

Appreciate cultural influences; appreciate the role of Britain's parliamentary system; participate in culture opportunities; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversit



taught to surf. Despite the wind, it was an amazing 2 days and children really throw themselves at it with a few of them managing to stand up and catch a wave or two back to shore! Thank you to Global Boarders! You taught us how spending time at the beach and in the sea doesn't not only teaches us new skills and water safety but supports our well-being and is good for the souls/spirits too!