

## Personal Development Learning

Personal development learning (PDL) at Bordon Junior School is the over-arching term used to encompass all the elements of PSHE, Citizenship and Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) learning. It is a well rooted part of the school's ethos, as demonstrated by the wide variety of lessons and activities taking place.

**PSHE:** Discrete lessons are taught across both upper and lower school, averaging out to half an hour weekly. These are delivered through a mixture of short slots or longer blocked units, as suited to the particular theme and its relationship to other learning.

**Futures:** This is a rolling programme of activities including cooking, orienteering, yoga, music, rock climbing, languages and video production to name but a few. The core reasoning behind the programme is to boost both resilience and perseverance whilst allowing children to try out and discover new skills.

**Arts:** The school actively encourages children to experiment in and enjoy music, drama, singing and dance through many channels. Annually, LKS2 provide the Christmas production based on theme of the nativity in line with the RE Curriculum, whilst UKS2 provide the summer entertainment with a musical production. Throughout the year there are clubs running which culminate in the termly performing arts gala, giving the children the chance to showcase their talents to a live audience and receive the thrill of applause and audience enjoyment first hand.

**Visits:** We have a fantastic array of trips and visitors to support PDL and the curriculum as a whole. Visitors with specialist knowledge and resources help us to bring the topic work alive. Topics covered include Saxons, Vikings, Evacuees, Ancient Greeks and Pirates. These days not only hook the children into the learning but also develop different learning styles and group working skills which transfer into their everyday lessons. We also arrange a camp out at school for year 3 and two residential trips, in year four and six, to provide that vital opportunity for independence and resilience gained from being away from home. In Year six, the children join with other schools across Hampshire to learn about safety and the law at a county wide event, giving them no nonsense information that at that age they really need.

**Young Governors:**

Throughout the school, children are offered the chance to stand to represent their class on the board of Young Governors. The importance of having your say in a democratic society is emphasised. This group is asked to discuss and share a range of things related to school life, from policy to charity work and includes feeding forward class ideas and back information from our discussions. It is a responsibility they take seriously, meeting every other week.

**SRE:** We are currently reviewing our Sex and Relationships Education policy, deciding the best way forward to support our often vulnerable pupils at a crucial point in their development.