



We place great importance on enrichment at Kentmere.



Soaring to success

PSHE Enrichment

As with other subjects, here at Kentmere, we strongly believe that enrichment forms the basis of memorable and effective learning experiences. We ensure that every half term there is at least one 'Sunshine Day' and 'Philosophy Friday' activity planned in. In addition to this, real life experiences are arranged on a regular basis. For example; when studying fire safety the children visited a fire station where they experienced the fire engine and learnt how to keep safe in the home.

The School Council

The School Council provides opportunities for Key Stage One and Two pupils to develop their understanding of democracy and British Values. The School Council meets fortnightly to discuss ideas and issues brought up by the classes they represent. They meet on Tuesday afternoons at 2.15pm every 2 weeks or more frequently if required. Opportunities are provided by class teachers for School Council representatives to feedback to their class. The School Council is elected annually each child being required to vote for one boy or girl from their class. Each School Council member has responsibilities which have been agreed in the School Council job description. Specialist roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer have additional responsibilities. The children are encouraged to take the lead on projects throughout the year and have also presented their work to governors.

Sunshine Days

Each half term at Kentmere we hold 'Sunshine Days'. These special days focus on PSHE and have a specific theme. Examples of the themes covered are:

Physical and Mental Wellbeing, Anti Bullying, E Safety Day, British Values, Downs Syndrome Awareness Day, Autism Awareness Day, LGBT and RSE, Physical and Mental Wellbeing

The children will learn different strategies and ways in which they can maintain a balanced lifestyle. They will think about the 5 ways to wellbeing and take part in activities that promote a sense of wellness. We invite parents and carers into school to share this special day with the children between 8.30am and 9.30am. The children are permitted to wear a yellow t-shirt or jumper with their normal school uniform.

Philosophy Friday

At Kentmere, we strive to help our pupils to be effective, critical and creative thinkers and to take responsibility for their own learning in a caring and collaborative environment.

We do this by holding 'Philosophy Fridays' where pupils are encouraged to ask questions and find the answers through discussion. Thus, developing the ability to recognise differences and explore these constructively. Each 'Philosophy Friday' has a specific 'Big Question' which enables the children to delve deeper into their knowledge and understanding.

Question Starters:

- What is ... (e.g. What is love?)
- Should... (e.g. Should children have to go to school?)
- What makes ... (e.g. What makes a friend special?)
- Would you be ... (e.g. Would you be the same if you changed names?)
- How do we know what ... (e.g. How do we know what courage is?)
- Always or never (e.g. Should we always obey the law?)
- What if ... (e.g. What if people had never learned how to tell lies?)
- Is it possible ... (e.g. Is it possible to be happy and sad at the same time?)
- When ... (e.g. When is happiness a bad emotion?)
- Who ... (e.g. Who decides what art is?)
- Can we ... (e.g. Can we ever know someone else completely?)
- Why do we say ... (e.g. Why do we say 'seeing is believing'?)

Whole School Debates

To enable the children to consolidate their knowledge and skills, as part of Philosophy Friday each of the children in Key Stage 2 take part in debate sessions. These vary from in-class debates to class vs class debates. The children are encouraged to use their 'Top Tips for Talking' strategies when participating in these sessions. They are actively encouraged to constructively critique the ideas and suggestions put forward by their peers.

Pro-Social Ambassadors

The Pro-Social ambassadors are passionate about stopping bullying and actively work to stop it by supporting children at playtime and lunchtime. A Kentmere Academy Pro - Social Ambassador is someone who cares about others and keeps an eye out for their peers/classmates/friends/colleagues, are friendly and approachable and willing to listen to others problems and provide support to them and actively works to show people that bullying is uncool and promotes kindness.