

Brook View School

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) Policy

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All curriculum subjects provide opportunities to promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Explicit opportunities to promote pupils' development in these areas are provided within religious education and personal, social and health education (PSHE/RSE). A significant contribution is also made by the school ethos and values, other curriculum activities, trips and visits and assemblies.

Spiritual development

Children's spiritual development involves the growth of their sense of self, their unique potential, their understanding of their strengths and weaknesses, and their will to achieve. As their curiosity about themselves and their place in the world increases, they try to answer for themselves some of life's fundamental questions. They develop the knowledge, skills, understanding, qualities and attitudes they need to foster their own inner lives and non-material wellbeing.

Moral development

Moral development involves children acquiring an understanding of the difference between right and wrong and of moral conflict, a concern for others and the will to do what is right. They are able and willing to reflect on the consequences of their actions and learn how to forgive themselves and others. They develop the knowledge, skills and understanding, qualities and attitudes they need in order to make responsible moral decisions and act on them.

Social development

Social development involves children acquiring an understanding of the responsibilities and rights of being members of families and communities (local, national and global), and an ability to relate to others and to work with others for the common good. They display a sense of belonging and an increasing willingness to participate. They develop the knowledge, skills, understanding, qualities and attitudes they need to become active citizens within their community.

Cultural development

Cultural development involves children acquiring an understanding of cultural traditions and heritage, and the ability to appreciate and respond to 'the arts'. The children will acquire a respect for their own culture and that of others, an interest in others' ways of doing things and curiosity about differences. They develop the knowledge, skills, understanding, qualities and attitudes they need to understand, appreciate and contribute to culture.

Promoting British Values

The DfE have recently reinforced the need “to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British Values of Democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs”

Democracy

Each Year, pupils apply to become school council members. If elected they represent the pupil voice within the school. They must meet regularly with their peers and canvas their views as well as reporting back on decisions taken at school council meetings.

Meetings take place monthly with the lead teacher. Minutes are displayed alongside a photo board of school council members.

The Rule of Law

The importance of laws, whether those that govern the class, school or the country are highlighted at Brook View School. Pupils attend tutorials which explain laws and following rules. Some of these are centred on behaviour and expectation as well as safety, including online safety. Pupils are taught the value and reason behind rules.

Individual Liberty

At Brook View pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment. Weekly assemblies reward children using the learning powers of: Resilience, Resourcefulness, Responsibility, Reflectiveness and Reciprocity. Personalised 1-1 meetings between pupil and their key tutor allow pupils to aim for individual targets. We encourage the development of “growth mind sets” as opposed to fixed ones.

Mutual Respect

Good behaviour is celebrated in Friday Assembly. All pupils in the school can see how good behaviour stands out. Children are taught how to show respect for and value each other’s’ views and beliefs. This is especially evident within tutorials and subjects such as RE, PSHE and P4C. They are also encouraged to challenge views that are in conflict with the school’s values and with ‘British Values’.

Respect and Celebration of Different Faiths, Beliefs and Cultures

We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of respect for others. Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Development

SMSC development is now referenced throughout Ofsted's School Inspection Handbook. At Brook View, we have a thoughtful and wide-ranging promotion of pupils' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development and their physical well-being, which enables them to thrive in a supportive, highly cohesive learning community.

Good/Outstanding Practice Guidance	Evidence
SPIRITUAL	
Giving pupils the opportunity to explore values and beliefs, including religious beliefs, and the way in which they impact on peoples' lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Assembly / tutorial topics for all key stages see tutorial timetable. - Tutorial timetable and drop-down weeks recognise key festivals in all religions and special days. - RE curriculum using Agreed Syllabus - Display planned in corridor to prompt spiritual reflection
Where pupils already have religious beliefs, supporting and developing these beliefs in ways which are personal and relevant to them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE Curriculum discussions; use of the Big Questions. - Show and Tell in tutorials where pupils explain what they have done when not in school. - Celebration Assembly each week where children's internal and external activities are celebrated. - Encouraging pupils to share their beliefs with their classes and during tutorial. - Collaborative celebrations of all cultural festivals with the opportunity to taste and experience new foods, make traditional crafts and displays and learn more about the history of the traditions - Undertake visits to recognised religious places to learn more about cultural traditions
Encouraging pupils to explore and develop what animates themselves and others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE Curriculum - PSHE/RSE curriculum - P4C sessions across both Key Stages - Global learning elements throughout all the topics across school.

<p>Encouraging pupils to reflect and to learn from reflection.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive Behaviour Policy - Corridor display on RE theme with questions to prompt spiritual thought. - Charity and fundraising events –Macmillan cancer, Children in Need, Red Nose Day, Water Aid, Help the Heroes - RE planning and curriculum; knowledge and response - Pupils encouraged to reflect on the values studied and discuss in class.
<p>Giving pupils the opportunity to understand human feelings and emotions, the way they impact on people and how an understanding of them can be helpful.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE planning and curriculum; - PSHE/RSE curriculum - Dedicated SMSC time. - Positive Behaviour Policy
<p>Developing a climate or ethos within which all pupils can grow and flourish, respect others and be respected.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explicit teaching of manners and politeness for pupils and staff - Positive Behaviour Policy rewarding mutual respect through “MODEL PUPIL” - Reinforcing concepts in whole school assemblies through ‘Character Education’ - Class rules across whole school and displayed in each room - School Council; regular meetings, display and discussion. - Clear set of values across school and on display. Covered within the whole school SMSC and Health and Safety overview.
<p>Promoting teaching styles which: -Value pupils’ questions and give them space for their own thoughts ideas and concerns. -Enable pupils to make connections between aspects of their learning. -Encourage pupils to relate their learning to a wider frame of reference, for example asking ‘why’, ‘how’ and ‘where’ as well as ‘what’.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers are encouraged to ask varied and differentiated questions; this is looked for on planning during scrutiny and during lesson observations. - Encouraging pupil thinking time when answering -Training on AfL techniques for whole cohort participation and effective questioning - Whole school CPD programme on SMSC: P4C

MORAL

<p>Providing a clear moral code as a basis for the behaviour which is promoted consistently through all aspects of the school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive Behaviour Policy with display in each class - Positively worded whole school rules - Regular updates and reinforcement in assemblies - Star of the Week and other and recognised in Fantastic Friday Assemblies. - Whole school house point system with House Captains and Class bonus - British values promoted across the school.
<p>Promoting racial, religious and other forms of equality.</p> <p>Giving pupils opportunities across the curriculum to explore and develop moral concepts and values, for example personal rights and responsibilities, truth, justice, equality of opportunity, right and wrong.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trips organised with Religious theme studying different faiths - In science, debate when used for good and bad. In history, focus on the decisions of key historical figures and debate their judgements and moral viewpoints. - RE planning - Positive Behaviour Policy - School Council - Eco club and gardening club: consider how local environment changed in a positive way or negative.
<p>Developing an open and safe learning environment in which pupils can express their views and practise moral decision-making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E Safety Computing planning - Bullying lessons, assemblies and awareness in PSHE/RSE and during Anti Bullying Week. - Pupil voice tutorials - Use of school forums for thought of week and discussion forums on moral issues - Drug and alcohol and healthy school curriculum - School Council makes decisions on trips, subjects and new dinner menus.
<p>Rewarding expressions of moral insights and good behaviour.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive praise - House points system with weekly, termly and Yearly winners - Good to be Green but “We are going for Gold”. Children awarded model pupil status for behaviour / learning attitudes that go above and beyond. - Celebration assembly with Star of Week certificates relating to school values and good learning traits. - Termly Reading Prizes for the Reading Olympics - Writer of the Week awards - Lunchtime behaviour slips that reward positive behaviour as well as recognising negative - Yearly Attendance Awards - Regular prizes/regular rewards for demonstration of good manners and politeness with class bonus

<p>Making an issue of breaches of agreed moral codes where they arise, for example, in the press, on television and the internet as well as in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinforcement in Assemblies – children very clear on expectations - Recognise days such as anti-bullying and safer recruitment. Look at how feels to be “wronged”. - E Safety Computing planning and policy - Respond to national events in Assemblies - In PE and sports there is a clear code of conduct on the pitch and within school.
<p>Recognising and respecting the codes and morals of the different cultures represented in the school and wider community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE planning and curriculum - PSHE/RSE curriculum
<p>Encouraging pupils to take responsibility for their actions, for example, respect for property, care of the environment, and developing codes of behaviour.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rules consistent across school with one that reflects this. - Positive Behaviour Policy with consistent rules across the school; school rule relates to respect for property. - Class rules and expectations reinforced by a contract visible in classrooms. - Ecology in looking after the school’s garden beds
<p>Providing models of moral virtue through literature, humanities, sciences, arts, assemblies and acts of worship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whole school, Key stage and Class Assemblies - By acknowledging the positive and negative benefits of the Internet. - Visitors planned as part of the collective worship for example, a Reverend from the local church - Wider opportunities in music; teaching pupils self discipline and learning an instrument - In sport, make clear fair play demonstrated with the shaking of hands.
<p>Reinforcing the school’s values through images, posters, classroom displays, screensavers, exhibitions etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School mission statement posters displayed in front entrance - Classroom and corridor displays all of a high standard, reflecting school’s vision for curriculum. - School values displayed and add pupil voice comments on the certain school or British values. - Consistent displays within all classrooms with rules displayed and incentives.

SOCIAL

<p>Identifying key values and principles on which the school community life is based.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive behaviour Policy - Consistent whole school Rules - Consistent core values that the school have agreed upon and promote.
<p>Fostering a sense of community with common inclusive values which ensure that everyone, irrespective of ethnic origin, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation and religion can flourish.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All policies demonstrate equality and inclusion. - Clear Equality policy which is considered in all policy renewal. - Competitive Sports Days in School - Community events; Carol Concerts, Church visits, Harvest and Easter celebrations, Christmas performances, Singing in local places, Fund raising events, Remembrance week, - Family learning through parental / carer talks
<p>Encouraging pupils to work cooperatively.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Council - Learning Partners during class discussions - Staff training on whole class participation techniques, group work and learning partners. - Regular competitive sporting events - Fundraising Events planned for a Summer
<p>Encouraging pupils to recognise and respect social differences and similarities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PSHE/RSE and challenging stereotypes. - In History, children learn about how different civilisations are organised socially.
<p>Providing positive corporate experiences, for example, through assemblies, team activities, residential experiences, school productions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas Productions - Christmas Carol Concert - Drama productions - Sports Day - Termly topic plans have enrichment and enhancement opportunities with visitors and trips - Enhancement days where dress up / thematic creative tasks - Creative high standard topic books. - Residential experiences planned e.g. Hothersall Lodge
<p>Helping pupils develop personal qualities which are valued in a civilised society, for example, through thoughtfulness, honesty, respect for difference, moral principles, independence, interdependence and self-respect.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE planning and curriculum - PSHE/RSE/Citizenship curriculum - School involvement in community events such as remembrance. - Involved in community improvements - Look at moral issues.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflected in our school values; kindness / respect / responsibility.
Helping pupils to challenge, when necessary and in appropriate ways, the values of a group or wider community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whole school assemblies on aspirations, talents and targets.
Providing a conceptual and linguistic framework within which to understand and debate social issues, providing opportunities for engaging in the democratic process and participating in community life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupil elections and democratic vote for School Council Children write own speeches for Council - Pupil training for Playground leaders and Sports Ambassadors - Involvement in Senior Leader Interviews - Mirror General election with school's own election - Pupil voice on selection of House Captains - Participating in Remembrance;
Providing opportunities for pupils to exercise leadership and responsibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Council choose how to raise money and fundraise for charities and involved in whole school change. - Children plan further ways to improve our school - Planned that pupils have roles in school such as recycling officers / sports ambassadors and playground leaders. Have various responsibilities.
Providing positive and effective links with the world of work and the wider community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting parents / carers to volunteer to support pupil's learning, including regular reading - Parents invited in to work with pupils on creative tasks. - Student teachers

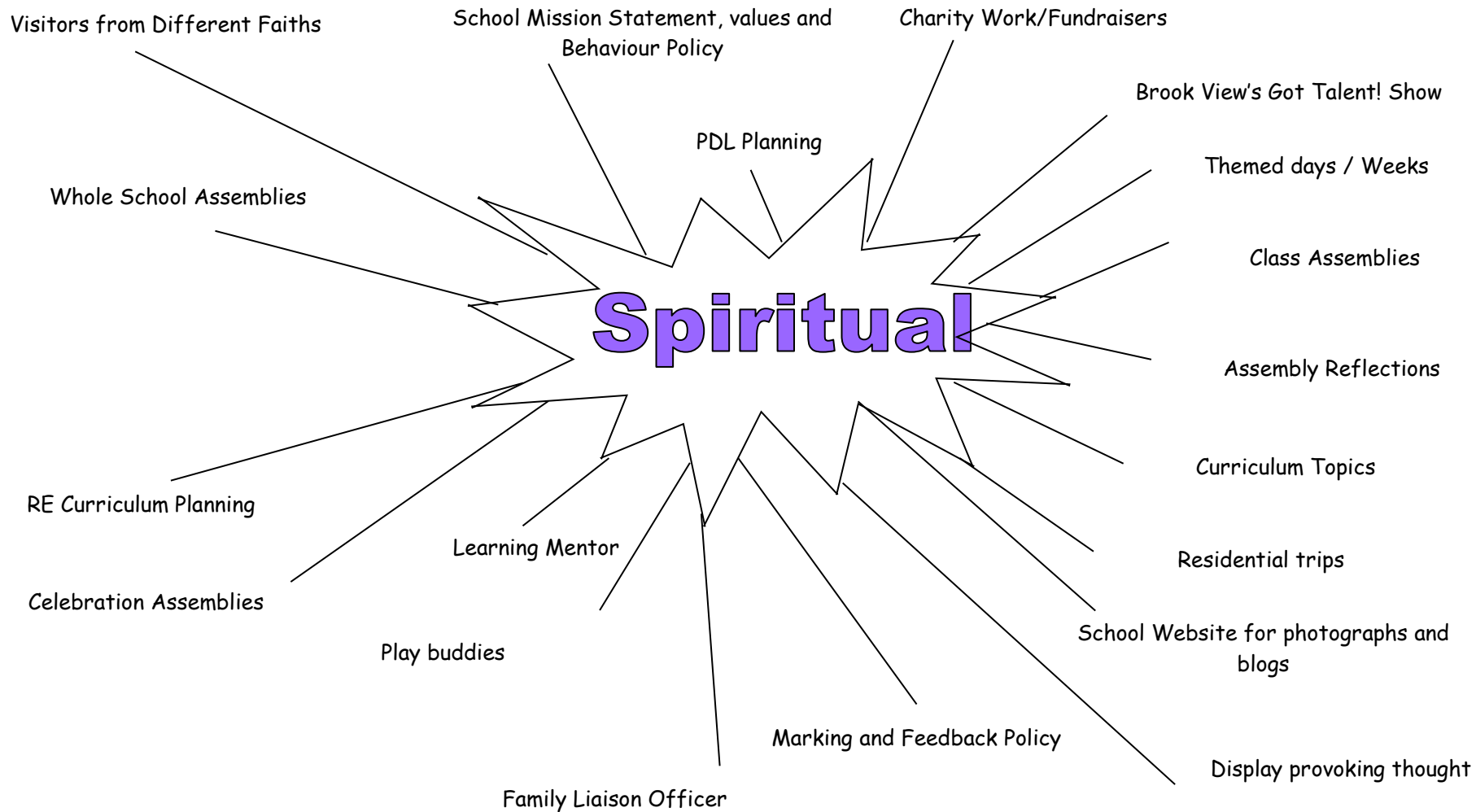
CULTURAL

Providing opportunities for pupils to explore their own cultural assumptions and values.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humanities curriculum; Fairtrade / Brazil / Rights to go to school / challenging stereotypes / war and peace through remembrance.
Extending pupils' knowledge and use of cultural imagery and language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cultural elements in topics studied: South America / Brazil / Africa / Greece / Egypt - Sharing stories from other cultures and countries in assemblies
Recognising and nurturing particular gifts and talents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Differentiation in planning to challenge pupil's learning. - PSHCE curriculum look at personal gifts and talents. - Giving the pupils opportunities to showcase talents in various subjects including sport, drama and music.

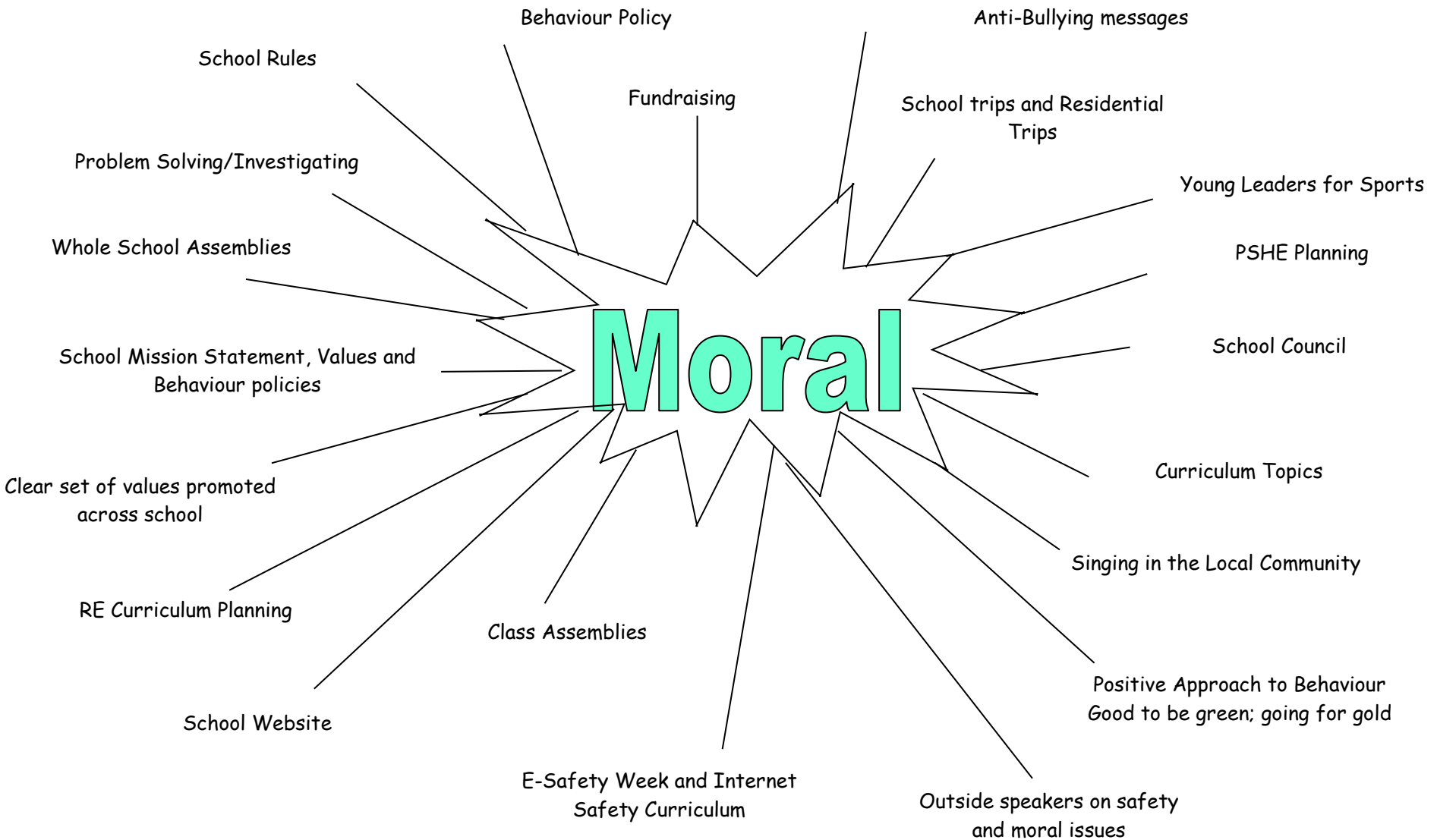
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in gifted and talented workshops: ICT coding day; maths and science days; published writers; Maths at the Heber; Writing at the Heber.
<p>Providing opportunities for pupils to participate in literature, drama, music, art, crafts and other cultural events and encouraging pupils to reflect on their significance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children participate in new learning opportunities each term e.g. MFL weeks. - Participating in European Day of languages where each class is a country. - Creative Thematic Curriculum: Links exploited and when studying other cultures make links to art / music / crafts. For example, Brazil and Flavalas in art /Brazilian carnival dance and themed Summer Fair. - In literacy, engage in texts from different cultures. - In RE and assemblies, children will learn about different events in various religions' calendars. - Participation in Dance project centred around theme - Participation in Art Project - Making links with global events such as the Olympics, Winter Olympics or World Cup. - Looking at the local history and how different cultures have shaped it. - All year groups visit the theatre every year. - Drama / musicals on stage: recently Jake and the Beanstalk
<p>Developing partnerships with outside agencies and individuals to extend pupils' cultural awareness, for example, theatre, museum, concert and gallery visits, resident artists and cultural exchanges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Makaton Friendly - Specialist Music teacher so everyone learns an instrument. - Opportunities for musicians and speech and drama pupils to perform to their parents. - Drama productions performed to wider community in church and social club. - Visitors expert in historical events providing workshops for various year groups (Victorians, Romans and WWII) - Visits to Local castles - Yearly theatre trips for all year groups - Gallery visits and involvement in Arts projects - -- *- - School cultural exchange – pen pals

<p>Reinforcing the school's cultural values through displays, posters, exhibitions etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning Environment Expectations which reflect themes taught - Displays across the school and school's impact. - Art exhibition where all pupil's art work is show cased.
<p>Auditing the quality and nature of opportunities for pupils to extend their cultural development across the curriculum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School's creative curriculum. Plan exciting thematic topics with cultural links - In history and science, look at how developments from around the world affect our daily life - HT carries out scrutiny each term looking at cultural opportunities and gives feedback on plans.

Spiritual



Moral



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Lunchtime Play

Behaviour Policy

Sports Day

Class Assemblies

Contribution to Local Community Events

PE and Sport Competitions in Local Area

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School Mission Statement and values

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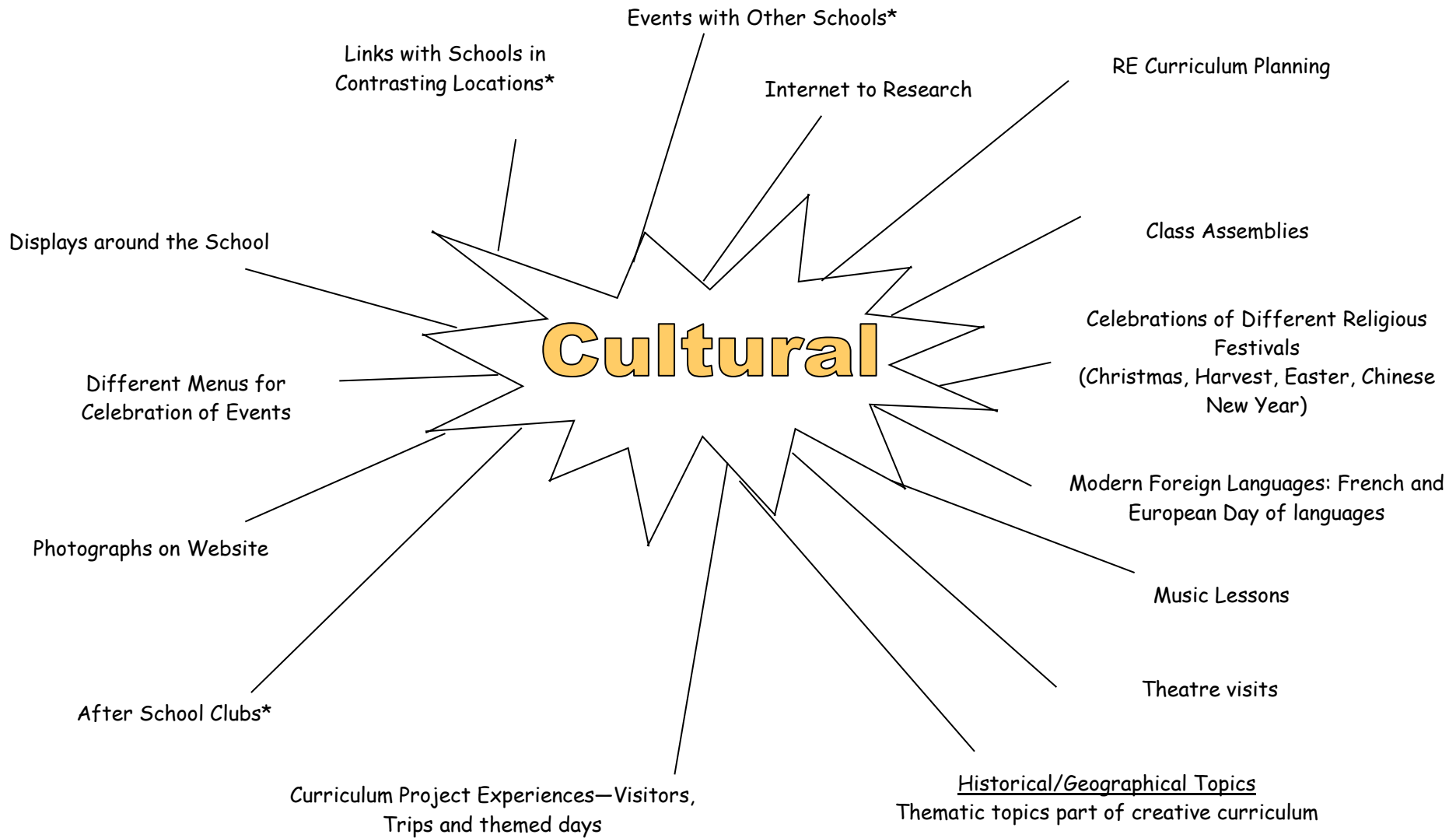
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Curriculum Topics

Whole School Assemblies

After School Clubs*

Charity Work/Fundraisers



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