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## Mawsley C.P School Personal Development Team

### Personal Development Team

Leaders in school work in teams to support each other in the teaching, learning and outcomes for the subject they lead. Our Personal Development Team consists of the subjects; Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE), Religious Education (RE), Physical Education (PE) and Computing.

Our Personal Development staff team have been working together to make sure that our children have a variety of diverse and rich opportunities across these four subjects within our school.

### Religious Education

In RE, we have been learning about an array of religions this term including Christianity, Islam and Sikhism. Our Reception children have been looking at where they belong and how this links to their own families and community. This has been a great introductory topic for the children to think about where they belong in our society and what groups they might belong to. For example, Rainbows, Mawsley Football Club, Kettering Gymnastics, local Churches. Phase 2 have been exploring the question 'What makes a Christian person special?' whilst Phase 3 have been discovering 'What is important for Muslims?'. Year 5 have been asking the question 'What it means to be a person of faith today?' - Perhaps over dinner, you could ask your child or children what faith means to them? It doesn't necessarily mean religion to everyone and that is ok. Our Year 6 children have been introduced to Sikhism and the Sikh values that closely match our own school values such as community and equality.

As always, Harvest is an important time of year at school. Unfortunately, Reverend Nikki wasn't able to come into school to lead her usual Harvest Festival so sent us a wonderful assembly via video link which children across the phases had access to during WOW week. We thank you very much for your continued support Reverend Nikki and look forward to seeing you in the building, hopefully very soon.

### Personal, Social, Health Education

Our year in PSHE always begins with the theme Keep Me Safe in which our children learn about personal safety through our school ethos of Protective Behaviours. This is an approach to teaching children (and adults when used in other settings) about what feeling safe and being safe is like and exploring ways to make safe choices. Our children have covered a wide range of concepts including recognising and naming private body parts, identifying and managing their own and other people's feelings, strategies to use if they find themselves in uncomfortable/unsafe situations and beginning to develop a concept of consent at an age appropriate level. We also completed our whole school Keep Me Safe day where each year group learned about an aspect of road safety and then an additional focus e.g. first aid, drugs and alcohol and safety around people we don't know. All of these topics are vital in our children learning about aspects of safeguarding and will continue to be built upon next term.

Next term we will begin our calendar of parent safeguarding training so if you are interested in learning more about our Protective Behaviours ethos or other safeguarding concepts please join the relevant sessions for your child's year group.

### Physical Education

In PE, our children have been looking at their physical literacy skills within lessons through our Real PE scheme, which involves mastering certain sports related skills. As well as this, in KS2, our children have also been studying specific sports such as hockey in Year 3/4/5 and basketball in Year 6. Outside of lessons, we have been delighted to be able to provide lots of opportunities at break, lunchtime and at clubs, which Miss Frost has written about in our Healthy Lifestyles Newsletter. One of the most exciting things that has happened this term, is that we have been able to return to sports competitions against other schools. Some of our Year 4 children have been to a football festival, children across KS2 have been to a badminton competition and our Year 5/6 football team have managed to win a football tournament and remain unbeaten in their league games. Next term, some of our KS1 children will be attending a multi-skills competition and some of our KS2 children will be attending cross country, sports hall athletics, gymnastics and boccia competitions - so keep an eye out for more news from these!

### Computing

It has been an exciting start in our Computing lessons as we have invested in a new scheme of work to help improve the children's progress and attainment. To begin with, every year group have been exploring coding at different levels, from the very youngest children learning how to give precise instructions, right up to the Year 6 children using a new resource called Micro:bits. They have loved this concept and have been creating a range of applications from flashing matrix messages and even making their own working pedometers that play music when they have achieved their daily step count! We are very much looking forward to seeing what the children can learn next!