



# Character Values Termly Newsletter

## What is character education and how is it delivered?

Character Education is a key part of the curriculum within the Inspire Federation as one of our core curriculum values. We have six Christian values at Seal: independence, respect, community, compassion, perseverance and aspiration and one of these values will be taught each term to allow sufficient time for the specific knowledge and skills to be fully embedded. This character education, and the knowledge and skills that children develop each year, enable children to become well-rounded individuals with the ability to use their strength of character to be successful individuals both in school and beyond.

At the beginning of each term, the focus character value is taught within the classroom learning experience. It is then subsequently referred to throughout the remainder of the term including through classroom learning experiences, assemblies, lunchtimes and school visits. Pupils also develop their understanding of the character value through books, real life examples and role play. In addition, we model the value ourselves and notice when the pupils are displaying it. The more exemplification that children are exposed to, in school and outside, they more likely they are to develop the character value.

Our Christian Values are rooted in our Christian vision 'together we grow and flourish'. The children learn how these 6 values can help them to grow and flourish within all aspects of their learning and development.

## Character value of this term:

Aspiration is a deep-rooted desire to set ambitious goals which motivate us to drive for high levels of success and do even better than before. With self-awareness, there are no limits to what a person can achieve.

## What is being taught in each year group?

Although the character value across the school is aspiration this term, this is broken down into different learning for each year group to ensure that children continue to make progress in their character education.

In EYFS, children learn about what a goal is and setting themselves a goal to aspire towards.

In Year 1, children focus on what short and long term goals are and develop an understanding that short term goals lead to long term goals.

In Year 2, pupils learn to recognise their strengths and weaknesses in their own work and learn how to use their strengths to make progress

In Year 3, the focus is on knowing what steps the children need to take to improve their weaknesses

In Year 4, children learn about how they can use their own strengths to help them improve their weaknesses

In Year 5, pupils develop an awareness of what positive and negative personal traits promote or prevent ambition

In Year 6, children consider how to develop traits to improve their positivity and ambition.

## Supporting your child at home

We are asking each child to work with their parent to reflect on how they have been aspirational this term. What have they set as an aspirational goal to achieve? What are their strengths and weaknesses and how have they learnt to use these to help them succeed even more? This could be a specific goal the children have set or something they have been working on for a while. It may relate to a sporting activity, home learning or something they have identified in themselves.

As part of your child's homework, their teacher will be asking what aspirational goal they have set themselves and how they worked to achieve this goal and any barriers they met along the way.

We would like to compile a whole school video of children demonstrating perseverance. Over the course of the term, if you take a photo or video of your child working towards or achieving their goal and showing perseverance, we would love to see them! If you take a relevant video or photograph of your child, please share this via our Google Drive. The link to this will be shared on class homework and subsequent newsletters. **Please note: by sharing images or videos, you are giving consent for this to be added to a whole-school video which will be shared on our website and social media.**

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