



Little Dolphins Day Nursery and British Values

British Values is the incorporation of the voices of the children in the setting and according to the EYFS it follows these fundamental principles¹:

1. Democracy
2. Rule of law
3. Individual liberty
4. Mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths

Within Little Dolphins Day Nursery, we aim to encourage British Values amongst the children in the setting to establish equality for all individuals at the setting. We do this by allowing the children to work collaboratively with all decision making and negotiation skills which the children will need in their adult lives.

The children are encouraged to learn how to put this into practice through play in which they do at the setting daily yet ensuring that they do this according to the boundaries we set at the nursery. This is looking specifically at how a child can determine the right action according to these boundaries and act on it. None the less also making sure that they can negotiate feelings and behaviours with all they interact with at the setting. So thus, making sure that the children are familiar with the rules of the setting.

Individuality is another aspect of British Values that as practitioners we should respect as the children need to be able to express individual liberty in the way that they decide to engage with an activity. Yet this also looks at how the child views themselves and promoting that a child can see themselves positively and respect the community in which they come from and live with the vast diversity of cultures, ethnicities and families. This specifically is the child's world view and hence having an accepting view of worldly topics.

Lastly British values is the mutual respect of various people and where they come from, how we treat each person we meet is how we would like to be treated. In line with the current policies and rules for learning in nursery we can say we advocate British values. Though how we put this in practice is the following:

1. Asking the children what they would like to do at the setting: "Hot Topics"
2. Discussing the rules: Circles times where the nursery rules are reviewed using a soft toy character (mascot)
3. Implementing the needs for the children to freely explore all areas of the nursery
4. Flexible planning at the setting which is done daily with respect to 'in the moment' planning.
5. Maintaining the need for the children to reflect on emotions and positive behaviour at the setting always with the support of a practitioner

The Rules that we put into action at the setting are a variation of the following rules that support the children with their understanding of personal development:

1. Good listening and looking to everyone
2. Kind words
3. Being nice
4. Helpful hands
5. Ask for help

The most important thing that needs to be looked at is the fact that we need to listen to the voice of the children at the setting as this falls in line with the Ethos of Little Dolphins Day Nursery.