
Introduction

Humanities consists of geography, history and religious education. Geography at Southgate is all about pupils exploring, discovering and making sense of the world around them. History is about them having an understanding of time and using evidence from the past whether it is old teddies, or the photographs from Scott's last journey to the Antarctic. Religious education allows pupils to explore different values and beliefs and to learn acceptance.

Implementation and planning

Across the majority of the school, humanities is delivered as part of a topic/ project based curriculum. Within the schools long term plans, they form the topic headings that the curriculum is planned around, e.g. jungles and castles. In the orchard pathway, humanities can be taught as discreet subjects in the upper school.

Assessment

Within the upper school, pupils are assessed towards the relevant pathway accreditations (see below). In the lower school, teachers report to parents on the child's knowledge and understanding of the world on an annual basis. Teachers continuously assess all pupils during topic/ project based learning on their EHCP outcomes linked to cognition and learning, social and emotional, communication and interaction and preparation for adulthood.

Resources

A variety of topic related resources from imaginative displays to reference materials is stocked in the resource room. Interactive learning is supported through programs such as Espresso.

Cross Curricular Links

Learning through topics and projects gives pupils the opportunity to cover a broad curriculum. For example, when covering the topic castles, pupils may look for patterns and sequences (math's), write sentences about jousting (English), look at pictures (history) and locations of castles (geography).

Accreditations

Upper school accreditation is linked to the pathway the pupil is in and is relevant to their learning ability. Stand-alone ASDAN short courses can be accessed in geography and history, whilst ASDAN entry 1 has modules including travel within the community and going places. PSD courses include a module on healthy lifestyles, making the most of leisure time and looking at community.