



International Policy

Thakeham Primary School

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Rationale

Through our international focus at Thakeham Primary School, we recognise the importance of generating positive attitudes and a range of experiences that will enhance pupil's learning and raise awareness of their national and international identity. Our Curriculum Driver 'Our Place in the World' ensures we focus on our local community and links with the wider world. Our aim is for our children to be thoughtful respectful citizens, both of one another and the environment. Links are developed both locally, internationally and globally to help us realise this aim.

As a school, we have a commitment to both gender and racial equality. This global dimension should be reflected in the attitudes and values of our school community, the ethos and the curriculum of the school. We recognise that a Global Dimension:

- is an important part of children's lives in the world today
- enables learners to explore links between their own lives and people, places and issues throughout the world.
- helps them understand their role in creating a fair and sustainable world in the future.

Aims

- To promote an interest and curiosity about the wider world and a sense of European/International identity.
- To add an international dimension to the work and life of the school. Furthermore, to give children the opportunity to learn about the world and where possible through direct contact with pupils in school in other countries.
- To encourage a respect and understanding for other cultures, heritage and languages.
- To encourage the development of links with other countries
- To prepare pupils so that, with confidence in themselves and respect for others, they can live and work in a changing world.
- To develop an awareness and understanding of their position as active citizens within the world and of the opportunities, rights and responsibilities this involves.

Guidelines

By having an international dimension as part of our ethos at Thakeham Primary School, we can provide children and staff with a wider variety of experiences both within, and in addition to the primary curriculum. This also reflects our growing and changing cultural pupil population and our commitment to:

- develop links with schools in other countries in Europe and further afield
- welcome to our school teachers and pupils from other countries
- raise awareness of environment issues other than those in our locality through joint projects
- encourage interest and motivation through the provision of first hand experiences of life in another country
- promote communication through writing letters and emails to friends abroad
- provide staff with opportunities to compare different teaching and learning styles
- raise awareness and appreciation of other environments and what is happening in the world
- develop cross-curricular activities with an international theme for all children .

Where relevant the international dimension will be linked to other policies.

Evaluation

The success of this policy will be judged by pupil motivation, interest and understanding of other cultures and links with our School Strategic Development Plan. This policy will be evaluated and reviewed as part of the Governors' policy review cycle.