



WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

2020

Learning for Life Subject Report

Subject	Learning for Life	Date	December 2020
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Overview of the year: Sept 2019 - Dec 2020			
<p>This year has been impacted by COVID 19, with the school going into Lockdown in March, although being open up for 50% of the school, in all year groups by July 2020. Despite this, teachers still carried out Learning for Life lessons on a daily basis during the Summer Term. When schools reopened after lock down, teaching staff focused the LfL curriculum on well-being, keeping ourselves and others safe and hygiene. The children were able to take part in the Life Bus workshop in the Spring term. Next year, we will be focussing on the quantity of evidence to show Learning for Life being taught in classes and making sure teachers feel confident in leading these lessons.</p>			
Curriculum: Intent, Implementation, Impact			
<u>Intent</u>			
<p>Today's children are growing up in an increasingly complex world and this presents many positive and exciting opportunities but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children need to know how to be safe and healthy and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. Learning for Life must be age appropriate and developmentally appropriate. It must be taught sensitively and inclusively, with respect to the backgrounds and beliefs of pupils and parents while aiming to provide pupils with the knowledge they need. Learning for Life puts in the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendship, in all contexts, including online. This will sit alongside the essential understanding of how to be healthy. Teaching about mental well-being is central, as we know that children are increasingly experiencing challenges and young people are particularly at risk of feeling lonely. Learning for Life will give them the knowledge and capability to take care of themselves and receive support if problems arise.</p>			
<u>Implementation</u>			
<p>The Learning for Life scheme of work followed is designed as a whole school approach, with all year groups working on the same theme at the same time to allow for continuity. SCARF scheme of work (safety, caring, achievement, resilience, friendship) is provided by Coram Life Education, which brings us Life Bus. It is organised into 6 half termly themes which are covered throughout the year. However, the teaching of Learning for Life is such that it is designed to reflect the needs of our pupils, allowing staff the flexibility to address any issues as and when they may arise, for example issues in the news, the loss of family member etc.</p> <p>The 6 themes are:</p> <p>Autumn 1: Me & My Relationships - includes feelings/emotions/conflict resolution/friendships Autumn 2: Keeping Myself Safe - includes aspects of relationships education Spring 1: Being My Best - includes keeping healthy/growth mindset/goal setting/achievement Spring 2: Valuing Difference - includes British Values focus Summer 1: Rights & Responsibilities - includes money/living in the wider world/environment Summer 2: Growing & Changing - includes RSE-related issues</p>			
<p>Teachers will be responsible for accessing the online resources via the Coram Life Education website and downloading the planning and accompanying resources. All teachers deliver the same lesson however, as mentioned previously, lessons can be adapted. For example, if a lesson is dealing with loss and there is a child within the class who has recently been bereaved, the teacher may change the lesson slightly to take into account the needs of that pupil, whilst still ensuring the whole class work towards developing the skills being taught.</p>			

Learning for Life is a non-marking subject and teachers complete summative assessments twice a year. Much of the lesson is discussion or practical activity based and works towards developing skills which cannot easily be measured, however they can be observed in practise throughout the school day.

Impact

- Teachers have reported that using the Coram Life SCARF Education website is easy to navigate. Teachers have also reported that the lesson plans are easy to download, use, adapt (if necessary) and teach.
- Teachers are confident in the topics they are teaching each term and evidence in books reflects that topics are being followed according to the medium term plan.
- Evidence of Learning for Life in the exercise books is gradually increasing over time, term on term.
- There have been a few staff meetings updating teachers of statutory requirements for LfL in September 2019. During the staff meetings, teachers were given the time to refine their planning and list 6 lessons they will teach per topic per half term.
- Evidence in books is left unmarked, thereby following the marking scheme for this subject - some work is stamped by teachers.

Our *Curriculum overview and Rationale Document* provide a summary to enable the subject leader to monitor implementation, using the skills progression document alongside the QA procedures to monitor impact.

Next steps:

Ensure that sufficient evidence is being recorded for Learning for Life lessons either in Learning for Life books, Gridmaker or Seesaw (if appropriate).

5 Key messages of the year:	What Performance Information is monitored? What are the 3 questions are you considering for future developments?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surrey Healthy Schools has withdrawn its award system this year, in order to update its requirements so that they are in line with statutory requirements for September 2020. 2. Delivering regular statutory updates during staff meetings ready for September 2020. 3. Staff meetings to help improve teachers' subject knowledge and confidence using Coram Life SCARF Education online resources. 4. Improved teaching and evidencing in books - feedback from staff is a positive one. 5. Using The Christopher Winter Project to deliver our topic growing & changing in Summer 2. 	<p>Book looks, learning walks, SMSC gridmaker evidence, Foundation subjects teacher assessments document</p> <p>Key Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are teachers prepared to follow timetable and teach LfL at least 6 times per half term? • Will teachers endeavour to use the SMSC gridmaker if a lesson does not lend itself to evidencing it in the LfL book? • Will teachers begin to build up a LfL planning folder, in order to help with their own CPD and that of others in their year group/teachers that will change year groups?
What is progress like within this subject?	How much funding did you receive this year and what was it spent on?

<p>Progress is moving in the right direction and the volume of LfL being taught is improving. It is beginning to become more evident within books over time. Pupils engage well within lessons and demonstrate the skills acquired around the school and in other lessons.</p>	<p>Budget allowance £100 for general resources £600 for Life Bus £1,000 for workshops (Road Safety, Anti Bullying & Wellbeing)</p> <p>Budget used Power of One Antibullying Production £565 Lifebus (27th - 30th Jan 2020) £468 Upwards & Onwards Y6 Transition Film £50 Road Safety Show £250</p>
<p>How does your subject area help to further develop SMSC (Learning for Life) in and around the school?</p>	<p>How are Fundamental British Values promoted within your subject?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subject enables children to develop appropriate social skills - turn taking, listening etc. • Through the lessons the children become more familiar with the concept of right and wrong and that actions have consequences. • Lessons also provide children with the opportunity to talk and improve their speaking and listening skills • Lessons also give children the understanding that Learning for Life is giving them skills that will carry them through into adulthood e.g. forming healthy relationships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The learning enables mutual respect for and tolerance of each other. • All children have a time to share their views and be listened to as well as to pass. • Students begin to understand that their behaviour has an effect on their own rights and those of others. Pupils are encouraged to treat each other with respect and this is reiterated through all teaching and learning environments. • Within coaching and debating sessions, all pupils are encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment.
<p>If you could change/ develop one thing in this area what would it be and why?</p>	<p>What will be the three key resources you will be bidding for this year and why?</p>
<p>Learning for Life became statutory in September 2020 and this should now be reflected in the amount of teaching per week. Teachers have a clear 6 week plan per year group that they must now adhere. LfL for the catchment of children in our school holds some of the most basic and fundamental key skills we can impart before they go to secondary school.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life Bus workshop £600 to focus on wellbeing and health. 2. Resources such as picture books to make learning relatable £500 3. Road safety workshops £300 to raise awareness about safety around roads.
<p>Subject Web: Subject Web: Why do we teach what we teach?</p> <p>Every child is entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum. We aim to provide the highest quality of education for all our children, in an environment that is challenging, motivating, disciplined, caring and moral. This provides opportunities for individuals to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical well-being and development of our pupils, appropriate to their individual needs in Learning for Life. Learning for Life links with PE as we discuss how to keep our bodies active and healthy and the importance of staying healthy. Learning for Life also prepares pupils for the opportunities,</p>	

responsibilities and experiences of adult life. It is an important part of the curriculum as children's health and well-being effects their learning and behaviour in school. In Learning for Life, we learn about identifying and managing our emotions so that children can then transfer this skill to other areas of their life.

6 key skills:

1. How to stay safe online
2. How to stay safe day to day
3. The importance of a healthy diet
4. The importance in promoting a positive mental well-being.
5. Begin to understand how to manage money and finances
6. Tolerance towards people who are different.

How do you ensure every skill is taught within your subject?

There is a clear skills progression document and Curriculum Overview and rationale Learning for Life that ensures knowledge and understanding required is covered, alongside the necessary skills development.

Quality Assurance (recorded in Subject Leader files and using SeeSaw, going forward) provides evidence through book looks, photographs and planning, that children are learning skills and not just the topic knowledge.

Topics taught across each year group:

	<i>Autumn 1</i>	<i>Autumn 2</i>	<i>Spring 1</i>	<i>Spring 2</i>	<i>Summer 1</i>	<i>Summer 2</i>
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Overview and Rationale for curriculum organisation ensures statutory content for skills and knowledge is covered. The curriculum provides pupils with a varied understanding of life skills which is built on each year to develop confidence.

Describe what a good learner of this subject looks like when they leave Westfield Primary School?

- Pupils experiment and take risks and are not afraid to make and learn from mistakes.
- They develop an understanding and tolerance towards other people.
- Pupils show good levels of positive mental health and well-being.

What are the 7 key components of a good learner in your subject?

1. Resilience
2. Understanding and appreciating other people building good relationships
3. Reflective- learning from mistakes (repeating pronunciation)
4. Risk-taking- having a go at something that is unfamiliar and new
5. Practise their skills
6. Stamina for listening
7. Asking questions and wanting to discuss topics in more depth.

<p>What does Fast Feedback look like in your subject? How do you know this has been effective for children's progress?</p>	<p>Is your subject an SDP priority? Has there been school training and / or development related to your subject / specific SDP objectives? Have you taken part in any individual research? What has been the impact of this on the children and staff?</p>
<p>Feedback is mostly done orally and on the spot, during class discussions and activities. Some teachers put a stamp on the work to praise hard work. Teacher judgement - Seesaw/Gridmaker. Seesaw allows for fast feedback by the teacher and peers (if appropriate).</p>	<p>Learning for Life is not an SDP priority</p> <p>Subject Folder holds any information pertaining to QAs, subject networks, informal networks, moderation, training powerpoints etc), research activities.</p>