

Social Development

Our children learn to use a range of social skills in different contexts as well as working and socialising with pupils from a range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.

Good manners and showing politeness are encouraged at all times.

Children are encouraged to develop good speaking and listening skills across all curriculum subjects. In Reception they learn how to cooperate with others, how to behave in the classroom setting and outside in the playground. These skills are developed through their time at Swan Lane and as they become older the children learn the art of turn-taking, develop their communication and presenting skills, and understand the art of listening and respecting others viewpoints. The children are also given the opportunity to develop their debating skills in planned activities which take place across the curriculum. The Poetry Recital days give the children the opportunity to present a poem to the rest of the school.



Reception children learning to put their hand up when they want to speak.



Guided Reading session

Children show a willingness to participate in a variety of social settings, cooperating well with others and being able to resolve conflicts effectively.

Playtimes and lunchtimes are a key time in the school day, where children are learning to share space and engage in play with their peers and other children across the different year groups. There is a friendship stop in operation whereby the Year 5 'Playground Buddies' help the younger children if they do not have anyone to play with or need help in resolving an issue.



Working together in PE



Year 5 monitors and prefects are also given an important job in helping to ensure that the school runs smoothly. Our Year 5 School Council members also participate in Cluster Events, giving them the opportunity to engage with other children from different schools.



School Council cluster event

Reception children visiting
Homesmith House (residential
home)



At Swan Lane, the children are aware of the school's core values which are: resilience, curiosity, compassion, respect and loyalty. These are embedded through all aspects of school life. We also make the children aware of the fundamental British Values. See separate document entitled 'Coverage of British Values at Swan Lane First School' which can be located in the British Values section on the SMSC page.



Visiting the war cemetery