

Caldecote Primary School Curriculum Big Ideas

Participation and Citizenship



Understanding how society works, and how individuals can contribute to positive change through active citizenship.

Curriculum content

This big idea invites children to explore their role within a community and understand how individuals can contribute to society. They learn how communities, organisations and governments work, and how people can influence change through active participation, leadership and collaboration.

Through a range of subject lenses, children examine the rights, responsibilities and values that help communities thrive. They develop an understanding of democracy, fairness, equality and the rule of law, while exploring how individuals and groups can work together to improve society at local, national and global levels.

Children learn how people have shaped communities throughout history and how collective action continues to influence modern life. They consider how their choices, actions and contributions can affect others and the wider world. Through this big idea, they develop the confidence, knowledge and skills to become active, responsible citizens who can lead, collaborate, show empathy and make a positive difference within their school, community and beyond.

This Big Idea is supported through a wide range of leadership, citizenship and personal development opportunities, including:

- School Council and Eco Council
- Rights Respecting School Ambassadors
- Playtime Ambassadors and Peer Mediators
- Junior Travel Ambassadors
- UKS2 Leadership Roles
- Young Parliamentarian activities
- Year 6/Reception Buddy Programme
- Healthy Schools Programme
- Broadening Horizons Assemblies
- My Community, My Behaviour, My Safety Assemblies
- House Competitions
- Character Education Programme
- Voting and democratic participation activities
- Community projects and fundraising initiatives
- Debate and public speaking opportunities
- Community cohesion and inclusion events