

Cultural awareness

At Featherstone Wood Primary School we aim to harness young children's desire for fairness and using it as an opening to discuss bias and discrimination. Creating an environment where children can comment on the differences they observe. We want to encourage children to notice differences because they do so naturally, yet at the same time, honour people's identities without judging or discriminating based on difference. Within our English curriculum we have several texts that approach the topic of bias, diversity, and social justice (*Little leaders - Bold women in black history, Little leaders - exceptional men in black history, Antiracist baby* etc). We provide books which may be about people who are different to the student, affirm their identity, those that expose bias, or share stories of people who stood up to injustice. Reading is a core part of our curriculum and therefore a seamless way to approach the topic. We also focus on both Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale in History and use other cultural references and texts in our learning. As we move through the year there will also be whole school events to celebrate different cultures within our community, for example, taking part in the World Day for Cultural Diversity organised by the UN. During this day the children will learn about different cultures and may learn about traditional celebrations, cook traditional or play a sport linked to a different culture.

