

Marian Vian Primary School Curriculum Drivers & Personal Development statement

'Cherishing Children and their future'

Respect

To help children respect themselves, others, their environment and the wider world beyond their own experiences and beliefs.

Resourceful

To help children use what they have rather than what they would like to have to adapt, improvise, learn and overcome challenges individually and collectively.

Resilience

To help children believe in themselves and their peers. Increase their stamina both mentally and physically and bounce back from setbacks and thrive in the face of adversity.

What are we aiming to achieve? (Intent)

Personal development is a strength of Marian Vian. Our holistic approach to helping children develop, thrive and be equipped for their next steps in life, both academic and beyond, is engrained into everything we do.

All the opportunities and experiences provided build on the solid foundation that:

'Everyone has the right to be safe, happy and respected.'

To achieve this all of the school community are expected to abide by our Golden Rules:

Be kind and do not hurt anyone.
Take care of all property.
Be honest and always tell the truth.
Listen carefully and follow instructions.

The intended outcome is that our children are Respectful, Resilient and Resourceful. We want children to believe that they are capable of going beyond what they think their limits are.

How do we achieve our aims? (Implementation)

Although personal development threads its way through everything we do there are definable aspects.

Safeguarding

There are robust and well tested structures and procedures to keep the children and staff safe. A strong culture of safeguarding and welfare permeates our community. The children know who to speak to if they are worried about anything. Visitors such as the NSPCC and the Breck Foundation complement our provision. Digital literacy and E safety start in EYFS and are a consistent feature of our curriculum. Year 6 are targeted more specifically due to their age and growing independence with mobile phone workshops. Responsibility needs to be given with an understanding of risk.

Environment

Marian Vian is a safe environment for all. Good manners are always expected and celebrated. We aim to catch the children 'doing' well! It is an inclusive and respectful environment that celebrates the wide range of people and their beliefs that make up the Marian Vian community. The Leadership Team are highly visible and approachable.

Community

The promotion of community within and beyond school is vitally important to the long term personal development of the children. The rule of law and British values are promoted. The School Council replicates the election process and the Class Council system puts responsibility onto the children which they embrace wholeheartedly. Visits to the Palace of Westminster and participation in Parliament week further embed the concept of democracy in preparation for adult life.

The children are strong advocates for helping others and wanting a just society. Traditional Harvest collections have expanded to supplying food banks at other times of the year.

Our Family Worker provides practical support for the children and their parents. This includes mental health support and advice.

The strong and positive relationship with the PTA, parent reps and our wider Trust partners adds to our overall provision through funding, advice and reflection.

Extra-Curricular

There is a good range of extra-curricular clubs that provide breadth to the children's development. Sport is widely represented but art, science and cooking are popular. Pupil premium funds are used to ensure that children can participate and are not disadvantaged.

Cultural

To widen the cultural awareness of the children the curriculum provides experiences that challenge and excite. Visits and visitors are strong features of our provision. Live poetry and theatre from the Young Shakespeare Company are good examples. Our links with the Bromley Youth Music Trust help develop the children's musical skills and appreciation. The art knowledge of the staff has opened up a beautiful and creative world to the children. Having central London and all its landmarks/galleries and history within easy reach bring real life context to what is taught in school.

Life skills

Preparing our children for life beyond school is a strength of Marian Vian. Philosophy 4 Children (P4C) is undertaken by all year groups. It encourages the children to be thoughtful, inquisitive and appreciate the views of others. (Especially when they have to defend a point of view they don't agree with!)

The Life Bus and our RSE provision help the children understand themselves, others and keep safe. Knowledge is power. Other examples of life skill personal development include cycling proficiency and a ten week first aid course for year 6.

A culmination of all that we do with regard to life skills is the Year 6 residential.

Outdoor/Bushcraft provision

Our Outdoor/Bushcraft provision, through our dedicated leader, provides multiple opportunities for personal development. The allotments and cooking lessons help the children understand where food comes from and widens their independence skills.

Bushcraft instils multiple skills beyond the practical ones learnt to live outdoors, such as team work and risk management. It also teaches respect for the local environment and raises awareness of global climate change.

The knowledge gained also encourages confidence to grow which transfers to other aspects of life. Self-belief is a powerful characteristic developed through Bushcraft.

What are the outcomes of our work? (Impact)

The combination of all of the opportunities and provision at Marian Vian equip the children with a wide range of knowledge and skills that they can take with them as they progress through school and beyond.

Extra-curricular take up is high (including PP/disadvantaged pupils)

The children are articulate, respect others and believe in the fundamental foundations of society such as justice, fairness and equality.

Marian Vian children are well rounded, happy individuals that achieve well academically. They balance this with good 'soft' skills that enable them to take a confident, constructive place in society whilst always being Respectful, Resilient and Resourceful.