THE BIG THINK RESOURCES AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPECTATIONS



Below are judgement topics for Personal Development from the 2023 Ofsted School Inspection Handbook. The Big Think learning modules provide a well-sequenced syllabus with a dialogic approach that progressively fosters children's wellbeing, resilience, character and critically importantly, their social and emotional capacities. Embedding the programme incrementally nurtures their spiritual, moral, social and cultural growth along with qualities, strategies and tactics for strong, positive relationships and making healthy lifestyles choices.

Ofsted School Inspection Handbook - Section 315 - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Juc	gement topics	KS1	KS2	Examples of TBT resources
•	developing responsible, respectful and	✓	✓	R1 Behaviour choices
	active citizens who are able to play their			R4 Respect for others
	part and become actively involved in public			C11 Caring Citizens (KS1)
	life as adults			C11 Citizenship (KS2)
•	developing and deepening pupils'	✓	✓	R4 Respect for others
	understanding of the fundamental British			C3 Celebrating difference
	values of democracy, individual liberty, the			T4 Trust (KS1)
	rule of law and mutual respect and			T4 Integrity (KS2)
	tolerance			T6 Non-judgement
				T10 Justice
-	promoting equality of opportunity so that	✓	✓	C3 Celebrating Difference
	all pupils can thrive together, understanding			P4 Understanding Self
	that difference is a positive, not a negative,			R4 Respect for others
	and that individual characteristics make			L12 Equality
	people unique; understanding protected			
	characteristics			
•	ensuring an inclusive environment that	✓	✓	P7 Belonging
	meets the needs of all pupils, irrespective of			
	age, disability, gender reassignment, race,			
	religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation			
-	developing pupils' character, defined as a	\checkmark	✓	Silent Sitting/Reflection – in all lessons
	set of positive personal traits, dispositions			P5 Contentment
	and virtues that informs their motivation			P6 Self-Esteem
	and guides their conduct so that they reflect			T3 Hope (KS1)
	wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity			T3 Optimism (KS2)
	and cooperate consistently well with			R1 Behaviour Choices
	others. This gives pupils the qualities they			T9 Pride
	need to flourish in our society.			T4 Trust (KS1)
				T4 Integrity (KS2)
				R9 Teamwork
•	developing pupils' confidence, resilience	✓	✓	L7 Inner Happiness
	and knowledge so that they can keep			P11 Resilience
	themselves mentally healthy			T2 Curiosity
•	enabling pupils to recognise online and	✓	✓	R3 Kindness Online
	offline risks to their well-being – for			R1 Behaviour Choices
	example, risks from criminal and sexual			L10 Caring For Yourself
	exploitation, domestic abuse, female genital			L11 Caring For Others
	mutilation, forced marriage, substance			
	misuse, gang activity, radicalisation and			
	extremism – and making them aware of the			
	support available to them			





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Judgement topics		KS2	Examples of TBT resources
enabling pupils to recognise the dangers	✓	✓	L10 Caring For Yourself
of inappropriate use of mobile			
technology and social media			
 developing pupils' understanding of how 	✓	✓	R6 Healthy Choices
to keep physically healthy, eat healthily			R7 Time Well Spent
and maintain an active lifestyle,			
including giving ample opportunities for			
pupils to be active during the school day			
and through extra-curricular activities			
 developing pupils' age-appropriate 	✓	✓	T8 Commitment
understanding of healthy relationships			
through appropriate relationship and sex			
education			
supporting readiness for the next phase	✓	✓	P2 Perseverance
of education, training or employment so			T11 Aspiration
that pupils are equipped to make the			T3 Hope (KS1)
transition successfully.			T3 Optimism (KS2)

Ofsted School Inspection Handbook – Section 322 – SMSC DEVELOPMENT

Judgement topics		KS2	Examples of TBT resources
SPIRITUAL			 ◆ Core values lessons about Peace, Love, Responsibility, Community & Truth ◆ Silent Sitting/Reflection – in all lessons ◆ Values Dialogues – in all lessons ◆ Singing together – in all lessons
 ability to be reflective about their own beliefs (religious or otherwise) and perspective on life 	✓	√	T1 Honesty L4 Openness P4 Understanding Self
knowledge of, and respect for, different people's faiths, feelings and values	✓	√	C3 Celebrating Difference R4 Respect for others T6 Non-Judgement C9 Unity
 sense of enjoyment and fascination in learning about themselves, others and the world around them 	✓	√	T2 Curiosity P4 Understanding Self L5 Compassion L4 Inclusion
 use of imagination and creativity in their learning 	✓	✓	P12 Joy P9 Play Our Big Think – social actions in all lessons
 willingness to reflect on their experiences 	✓	√	R10 Gratitude The Big Questions – in all lessons My Big Think journal – in all lessons





Ofsted School Inspection Handbook - Section 323 - SMSC DEVELOPMENT

Judgement topics		KS2	Examples of TBT resources
MORAL			 ◆ Core values lessons about Peace, Love, Responsibility, Community & Truth ◆ Values inquiry – in all lessons
ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong and to readily apply this understanding in their own lives, and to recognise legal boundaries and, in doing so, respect the civil and criminal law of England	√	✓	T5 Truthfulness T4 Trust (KS1) T4 Integrity (KS2) R8 Courage R1 Behaviour Choices C11 Caring Citizens (KS1) C11 Citizenship (KS2)
 understanding of the consequences of their behaviour and actions 	✓	√	R1 Behaviour Choices
 interest in investigating and offering reasoned views about moral and ethical issues and ability to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on these issues 	√	√	T2 Curiosity R12 Hard Choices (KS1) R12 Ethics (KS2) R4 Respect for others

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Judgement topics		KS2	Examples of TBT resources
SOCIAL			♦ Core values lessons about Peace, Love, Responsibility, Community & Truth
			♦ Role playing – in many lessons
			♦ Our Big Think – social actions in all lessons
 use of a range of social skills in different 	✓	✓	L1 Sharing
contexts, for example working and			L5 Compassion
socialising with other pupils, including			R9 Teamwork
those from different religious, ethnic and			C4 Inclusion
socio-economic backgrounds			C3 Celebrating Difference
willingness to participate in a variety of	✓	✓	R4 Respect for Others
communities and social settings,			R5 Helping Others
including by volunteering, cooperating			L5 Compassion
well with others and being able to			L11 Caring for Others
resolve conflicts effectively			C9 Unity
			C1 Non-Violence
			C10 Forgiveness
 acceptance of and engagement with the 	✓	✓	L12 Equality
fundamental British values of			R1 Behaviour Choices
democracy, the rule of law, individual			R4 Respect for Others
liberty and mutual respect and tolerance			C4 Inclusion
of those with different faiths and beliefs.			L4 Openness
They will develop and demonstrate skills			L2 Consideration
and attitudes that will allow them to			T6 Non-Judgement
participate fully in and contribute			T10 Justice
positively to life in modern Britain.			C11 Caring Citizens (KS1)
			C11 Citizenship (KS2)
			P7 Belonging

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Judgement topics		KS2	Examples of TBT resources
CULTURAL			♦ Core values lessons about Peace, Love,
			Responsibility, Community & Truth
			♦ The Big Stories – in all lessons
			♦ Values Inquiry – in all lessons
			♦ Values Dialogue – in all lessons
 understanding and appreciation of the 	✓	✓	L9 Appreciation
wide range of cultural influences that			L4 Openness
have shaped their own heritage and that			T9 Pride
of others			
 understanding and appreciation of the 	✓	✓	C3 Celebrating Difference
range of different cultures in the school			C8 Helping Our World (KS1)
and further afield as an essential			C8 Global Connections (KS2)
element of their preparation for life in			C9 Unity
modern Britain			
 ability to recognise, and value, the things 	✓	✓	C4 Inclusion
we share in common across cultural,			T7 Understanding Others (KS1)
religious, ethnic and socio-economic			T7 Empathy (KS2)
communities			P7 Belonging
 knowledge of Britain's democratic 	\checkmark	✓	T12 Freedom
parliamentary system and its central role			L12 Equality
in shaping our history and values, and in			R4 Respect For Others
continuing to develop Britain			C4 Inclusion
 willingness to participate in and respond 	✓	✓	R10 Gratitude
positively to artistic, musical, sporting			L6 Generosity
and cultural opportunities			T11 Aspiration
			P2 Perseverance
			P3 Happiness
			P5 Contentment
- interestic contents			P6 Self-Esteem
interest in exploring, improving	✓	✓	T2 Curiosity
understanding of and showing respect			T6 Non-Judgement
for different faiths and cultural diversity			L1 Sharing
and the extent to which they			R1 Behaviour Choices
understand, accept and respect			C3 Celebrating Difference
diversity. This is shown by their respect			C8 Helping Our World (KS1)
and attitudes towards different religious,			C8 Global connections (KS2)
ethnic and socio-economic groups in the			
local, national and global communities.			

Ofsted School Inspection Handbook – Section 326 – RELATIONSHIPS, SEX & HEALTH EDUCATION

Judgement topics	KS1	KS2	TBT resources
Relationships education	✓	✓	All TBT lessons
Physical health	✓	✓	Many TBT lessons
Mental wellbeing	✓	√	Many TBT lessons

(The Big Think resources that support the above 3 RSHE judgement topics are set out in a separate document.)