The contribution of Computing and ICT to children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural (SMSC) development at Fairfields

SPIRITUAL

Children use the internet to learn about and explore different religions and beliefs. They can use the medium of ICT to gain knowledge of, and respect for, different people's faiths, feelings and values. The internet allows them to learn about themselves, others and the world around them. They derive enjoyment and fascination through this learning and it allows for imagination and creativity as they produce their own work using a variety of media.

MORAL

Our eSafety curriculum in particular allows the children to explore and gain an understanding of the consequences of their behaviour and actions. They gain the ability to recognise the difference between right and wrong and are then able to apply this understanding in their own lives.
They also learn to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on a range of issues such as the sharing of data, cyberbullying, how social media impacts the community and about the impact technology has had on the environment

SOCIAL

The children are able to use a range of social skills in different contexts, such as emailing one another and working together on projects to present to different audiences. Computing highlights the importance of collaborative work within lessons as well as practical tasks. They learn, again through our eSafety curriculum, about individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. They learn about the ethical use of the Internet and how we keep others and ourselves safe. We use our computing suite for our computing club and we have allowed our ICT suite, pre COVID, to be used by local adult-learning groups.

CULTURAL

Through their internet research of different topics, the children begin to gain an understanding and appreciation of the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage and that of others. They are able to recognise, and value, the things we share in common across cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic communities. We provide the children with the opportunity to learn about different cultures through the use of the Internet and online platforms, such as Newsround, and other sources. The children are able to explore human achievements and creativity, and develop a sense of awe and wonder at human ingenuity.