

Examples of P4C Topics We Explore

- Fairness and justice
- Friendship and kindness
- Rights and responsibilities
- Freedom and rules
- Caring for animals and the environment
- Truth, imagination, and storytelling

Our Commitment

We ensure P4C is:

- Regularly taught across the school
- Inclusive and accessible for all learners
- Delivered through high-quality stimuli
- Supportive of children's emotional wellbeing
- A safe space for sharing ideas and exploring differences

Want to Know More?

We're always happy to talk about P4C. Ask your child's teacher or visit our website.



What is P4C?

Parent Information Leaflet



Philosophy for Children (P4C) is a way of helping pupils explore big ideas through structured discussion. Children sit together in a circle, look at a stimulus (a story, picture, object, or scenario), and build thoughtful conversations around questions they create.

P4C helps children become confident thinkers, respectful listeners, and curious learners.

Why We Teach P4C

- **Critical thinking** — Children learn to give reasons, question ideas, and think deeply.
- **Communication skills** — Pupils practise speaking clearly and listening carefully.
- **Empathy and respect** — Children learn to understand different viewpoints.
- **Curriculum enrichment** — P4C strengthens learning in English, PSHE, science, and humanities.
- **Confidence building** — Every child has a voice and is encouraged to use it.

What Does a P4C Session Look Like?

A typical session follows a simple structure:

- **Stimulus** — A picture, story, or object to spark thinking.
- **Thinking Time** — Children reflect quietly or with a partner.
- **Question-Making** — Pupils create their own "big questions".
- **Enquiry** — A guided discussion where children share ideas, agree, disagree, and build on each other's thinking.
- **Reflection** — Pupils consider how their ideas changed and how well they worked together.

What Skills Do Children Learn?

- Reasoning ("I think... because...")
- Turn-taking and listening
- Respectful disagreement
- Building on others' ideas
- Asking thoughtful questions
- Understanding fairness, rights, responsibility, and freedom

How P4C Supports Our School Values

P4C helps children become:

- Kind and respectful
- Independent thinkers
- Confident speakers
- Curious learners
- Responsible citizens

It also supports SMSC, British Values, and personal development.

How Parents Can Support P4C at Home

Try simple conversation starters:

- "Do you think animals should live in zoos?"
- "Is it ever okay to break a rule?"
- "What makes someone a good friend?"
- "Can something be fair for one person but not for another?"

Encourage your child to explain their thinking and listen to yours.