

Our curriculum is built around The Equalities Act of 2010 and the Protected Characteristics.

Age	Disability	Gender reassignment
Race	Religion and belief	Gender
Sexual orientation	Pregnancy and maternity	Marriage and civil partnership

These are deliberately and specifically taught through the power of storytelling and significant people and events throughout the curriculum.

The three protected characteristics of gender, race and ethnicity and faith or belief are taught in depth through our humanities curriculum (for example 'gender' is referenced through each history topic – lives of women through historical ages, the influence of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, the role of women in Viking and Saxon Britain, differences and similarities between the lives of Greek and Spartan women in Ancient Greece and the barriers faced by the 'Sheffield Women of Steel' during World War Two, and how these were overcome.)

At Nether Edge Primary School, we prioritise the inherent value of storytelling to teach our children. In the case of equalities and the protected characteristics, stories help children to explore some of the most powerful aspects of growing up in an enjoyable, accessible and non-threatening way. Exploring topics like the protected characteristics, diversity and inclusivity through stories gives board opportunities for discussion and questions, while ensuring the knowledge-rich, empowering content we want for all our children. It is important that all children see themselves represented in the stories we share so everyone knows they are important and valued members of our community and society.

Each class has a carefully selected library of texts that link to the protected characteristics you can see [here](#).