

Relationships 1

This unit will focus on marriage and civil partnerships. Children will understand that people can be attracted to someone from the same or different sex. Pupils will know that marriage and civil partnerships are a legal declaration of commitment, and that forcing someone into a marriage is a crime. Pupils will understand that people can be in a loving relationship but not live together.



Key knowledge and threads

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- Know that being attracted to someone is having interest, desire, or affinity that's emotional, romantic, sexual, physical, or aesthetic in nature
- Know that gender identity is the individual's own perception of being male, female, neither, both, or somewhere in between, and that sexual orientation is person's identity in relation to the gender or genders to which they are sexually attracted
- Know that people who love each other can be of any gender, ethnicity or faith
- Know that marriage and civil partnership are legal declarations of commitment made by two adults who love and care for each other, which is intended to be lifelong
- Know that to force anyone into marriage is illegal
- Know to tell a trusted adult or the police to report forced marriage or ask for help
- Know that people can be in a committed relationship, and live apart



Vocabulary Abstract

Sexual orientation—person's identity in relation to the gender or genders to which they are sexually attracted

Gender identity—the individual's own perception of being male, female, neither, both, or somewhere in between,

Infatuation—an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone or something

Forced marriage—an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone or something

Civil partnership—A legally recognized arrangement similar to marriage, created primarily as a means to provide recognition in law for same-sex couple