



Race Leys Infant School



Our Values

Why we introduced values in our school...

We have high expectations of learning and behaviour for all of our children and use the 'Values Approach' to continue to help with raising standards.

By introducing values to our pupils we have been able to inspire them to be the best that they can be.

The introduction values ensures our children have the best possible experience of School throughout their time with us. We want them to be happy and enjoy their time with us.

The introduction of a Values Approach helps the children to develop skills which enable them to be confident and independent learners throughout

their lives.

The use of values helps our children to feel confident, safe and secure at all times.

We use our values to create a sense of calm and purpose throughout the school at all times of the day.

What are values?

Here are some simple explanations about what values are:

'A value is a principle that guides our thinking and behaviour'.

'Values are not simply words. They are skills we are learning for life and when I grow up I will remember to have them with me and use them to help me live a happy life'.

'A value helps us to be the best person we can be'.

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Values Newsletter 1

September 2018

See over to find out:

- What your child is learning about Values.
- The Value for the half term
- Find out what you can do at home to help your child understand Value of the month
- How you can use our work on Values at home.

Values for this year

Respect	Aut 1
Honesty	Aut 2
Perseverance	Spr 1
Caring	Spr 2
Fairness	Sum 1
Teamwork	Sum 2

How the school promotes a values culture

The children may have already come home and talked to you about the school day and our value of the half term. To promote our values and a calm atmosphere we:

- Have no bells during the school day
- Have no lining up at the end of playtime/lunchtime
- 'Take a Minute' - have a quiet reflection time for all classes
- Quiet inside voices and outside playground voices
- Children modeling good values will be identified by all staff, praised and given reward certificates.
- Children earn values tokens for putting them into practise. These are collected together at the end of the week and put into a container. If the container is filled by the end of the half term, the pupils earn a values reward which is chosen by the school Council.



Value of the Half Term—Autumn 1

Our Value of the half term is Respect.

The children have been introduced to what respect means.



Respect—noun—1 a feeling of admiration for someone because of their qualities or achievements. 2 due regards for the feelings or rights of others. 3. (respects) polite greetings. 4. a particular aspect, point, or detail.

This is what children say respect is:

- Caring for other people
- Being kind—being a friend
- Including everyone in your games
- Valuing other peoples ideas
- Loving your family
- Looking after property at home and school
- Respecting everyone for their individual skills and qualities. We are all unique!
- Taking turns and listening to other people

Respect at home and in the community

- Talk about who cares for you and how they show respect for you
- Respect yourself— by looking after yourself through healthy eating, getting enough sleep and getting lots of exercise.
- When you are upset or angry it is difficult to make the right choices. Talk about what you can do to overcome this.
- Sorting out problems by talking them through.
- Listening to other peoples ideas as well as our own.
- Think about how we can show respect for our environment by not dropping litter and recycling our rubbish.

Respect for School Staff

We expect our children to show respect for adults in school at all times.

When in school we ask that parents act as good role models for their children. To this end we ask that adults behave in a respectful manner by speaking and behaving courteously to staff members at all times.

Home Learning Activity

- Please help us to collect green milk bottle tops and bring them into school. We will use them by awarding tokens to children who have been seen using our values in school.
- Play a game with your family. Show respect for each other by listening to each other, taking turns and being polite—even if you don't win!.



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