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Developing our values at Old Town Infant School and Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may recall that during my final letter of the 2022/23 academic year, I briefly touched on the school improvement priorities for this coming year? One of these priorities focused on introducing and embedding our Old Town Vision and Values across the school and within our curriculum.

Last year we started our journey on developing our 'Old Town Infant School and Nursery Values'. All stakeholders were consulted and we worked hard to analyse feedback and drill down to agree on just four core values. These were decided as: **Independence, Respect, Resilience** and **Curiosity**.

This year the focus is on clearly defining each of these values and articulating the associated behaviours that we wish to see for each, both in school and at home. It is essential that consistent expectations for each value are understood by all members of our school community, whilst trying to keep these as child friendly as possible –after all, we are an infant school.

This piece of work will take time and will not be achieved overnight. Over the course of the year I will write to you again, because it is important that as our partners you also let us know where your children are demonstrating the school values at home or away from the school setting. *This is a piece of work that I will be asking the Parent Focus Group to assist me with.*

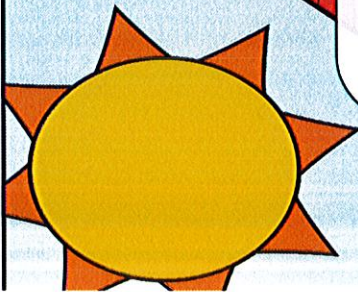
Earlier this week I introduced our 4 'Value Characters' to the children – they have may mentioned these to you already? Please meet these characters overleaf, along with the foundation definitions that we will continue to build upon this year.

This is an exciting journey for us here at Old Town and I look forward to leading this project with Mrs Cameron across the coming year.

With best wishes,

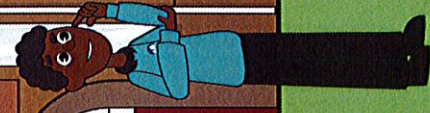
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What does **CURIOSITY** look like at Old Town Infant School and Nursery?

- We love learning about new things.
- We can ask great questions to develop our understanding.
- We can wonder 'why'?
- We want to find out more.
- We enjoy being creative and 'thinking outside the box'.
- We explore, investigate and seek answers for ourselves.



Curious Cam

What does **RESPECT** look like at Old Town Infant School and Nursery?

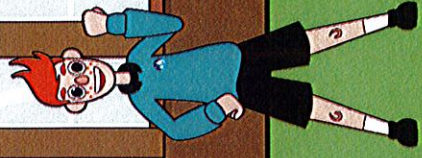
- We have kind hands, feet and use kind words.
- We take turns and share.
- We listen to the thoughts and feelings of others.
- We celebrate similarities and differences between people.
- We take pride in the achievements of others.
- We have good manners and treat each other how we would like to be treated.



Respectful Remy

What does **RESILIENCE** look like at Old Town Infant School and Nursery?

- We always try our best and are ambitious with our learning.
- We persevere when things are difficult.
- We don't give up easily.
- We know what to do when we are stuck and keep a positive mindset.
- We believe that we can get better at things.
- We can resist distractions.



Resilient Rex

What does **INDEPENDENCE** look like at Old Town Infant School and Nursery?

- We take care of our own needs.
- We are able to do things by ourselves and can seek help if we need it.
- We can make good choices and take responsibility for our own decisions.
- We encourage and celebrate everyone's individuality.
- We can make improvements and learn from mistakes.
- We can ask questions to help us learn.



Independent Izzy

