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Respect at Old Town Infant School and Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may recall me writing to you on 7th September 2023 introducing the new school values that we are developing here at Old Town. These were: **Respect, Resilience, Curiosity** and **Independence**. I also introduced our new school 'mascots' for each of these values – these are the fictional characters that we will relate to during the teaching of the values within school.

For October and November, we are really focusing on the value of **Respect** (promoted by Respectful Remy) within the school. This is a perfect value for the first quarter of the year as it reminds us of our behaviours to learn (listening/attention/asking questions), whilst also developing our social skills.

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.

Over the past month, we have unpicked this statements into smaller steps/descriptors that we want the children to understand and apply not only in school, but also at home and out in the real world. Overleaf you will see a summary of the work we have completed. These statements have been shared with children as part of values assemblies so they understand what this looks like in practice. Recently we have invested in some new values stickers (linked to the specific mascots), so if your child comes home wearing one of these, please feel free to ask them all about it.

Being parents/carers, you are our partners in supporting learning at home and this is not just limited to academic learning – we also want to hear about how the children are applying the school values outside of school. Please do let us know if you see anything worthy of a celebration and we can share this in school.

As with all things new (the introduction of values sits on the school improvement plan for this academic year), we will tweak and make changes to systems and practices as we move forward, however I felt it was important to keep you appraised of the work we have completed to date.

I hope you find this useful.

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