



**Spring 1**

## **Our Values**

At Woods, we have adopted 6 core values, one for each half term of the school year. These values provide an important framework for helping to define and validate the work of the school beyond the curriculum. Each value is used as the theme for collective worship, the focus for classroom reflection and quiet corner displays.

Our key values for this year are love, respect, peace, kindness, patience and perseverance.

Our school value for this half term is PEACE.

**‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.’ – Romans 15:13**

We believe that being genuine and honest to ourselves and to other people is important. Telling lies or exaggerating can be hurtful and destructive. It is much better to tell the truth straight away and develop a sense of peace in our school community.

Our school rule – **We are honest, forgiving and care for everyone in our school.**

When talking, discussing and reflecting on the value of peace, the following key ideas and themes will be explored with the children:

- **Inner peace** – it is important for children to learn how to manage their feelings and create their own sense of calm in any range of situation, to cope with a range of anxieties and fears, to appreciate silence, becoming more reflective (asking, what does that really mean for me?), and cultivating a contented spirit (being at one with yourself).
- **Peace between each other** - making and keeping friends, sorting out arguments, making compromises, letting go of hostile feelings, building bridges, learning how to listen to each other.
- **Peace in the community** – The theme of peace is developed further to look outwards into the community, respecting differences, listening and talking with those who hold opposite views to you, honouring each other, and finding common ground. Children need time to listen to differing viewpoints and learn respect for each other.
- **Peace in the world** – Ultimately, children need to discuss and explore the wider global aspects such as ending wars, working for peace and peacekeeping, talking not fighting.
- **Peace with God** – Last but in no way least, pupils need to learn and be taught about forgiveness, a new start, being reconciled to God; Christians believe that this is where it all must start for true peace be found both inside ourselves and between each other.

