



Autumn 2

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 value for this half term is RESPECT

'Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.' - Romans 12:10

Jesus tells us to have respect for one another no matter who they are or where they are from and at Woods we want to treat others as we would want to be treated ourselves. We also know to have respect for our belongings, our environment and our own health and well-being.

Our school rule - **We treat each other how we would like to be treated.**

At Woods we believe in nurturing not just academic growth, but also the development of important values in our pupils. This month, we're focusing on the value of respect and its significance in shaping young minds.

Why is respect important?



Respect lays the foundation for positive relationships, effective communication, and a harmonious community. Teaching children to respect themselves, others, and the world around them empowers them to become responsible and compassionate individuals.

Ways to teach respect at home:

1. **Lead by example:** Children learn best by observing. Demonstrate respectful behaviour in your interactions with them, family members, and others.
2. **Open communication:** Encourage open discussions about feelings and emotions. This helps children understand the perspectives of others and practice active listening.
3. **Set clear boundaries:** Establish boundaries that teach children to respect personal space and belongings, both their own and others'.
4. **Practice empathy:** Encourage empathy by asking your child how they think others might feel in certain situations. This helps them understand the impact of their actions on others.
5. **Cultural awareness:** help to teach your child about different cultures, traditions, and backgrounds. This fosters respect for diversity and inclusivity.
6. **Resolving conflict:** Teach problem-solving skills and non-violent communication methods. Show them that conflicts can be resolved respectfully and without aggression.

Activities to promote respect:

1. **Family agreements:** Involve your child in creating a list of family rules that emphasise respectful behaviour towards each other.
2. **Story-time:** Read books that highlight the importance of respect, kindness, and empathy.
3. **Role-playing:** Engage in role-playing scenarios that challenge your child to consider different viewpoints and practice respectful responses.
4. **Gratitude journal:** Encourage your child to keep a gratitude journal, where they write about things they appreciate in themselves and others.
5. **Community involvement:** Engage in community service projects together, demonstrating respect for the larger world and those in need.

Regards,

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