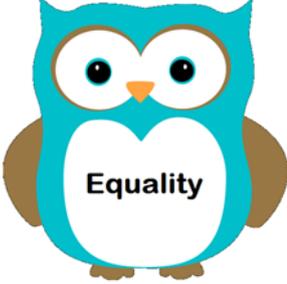


# Owl Values

 <p><b>Democracy</b></p>	<p>Our aim is to develop our children as active citizens who know how they can make positive changes in their world. This includes knowing how they can influence decision making through the democratic process. We have elections for our school councillors who represent us when big decisions are being made in our school.</p>	<p><i>Numbers 14:4 And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader..."</i></p>
 <p><b>Responsibility</b></p>	<p>We encourage our children to take responsibility for themselves and their actions. We teach them how to make positive changes in their environment and encourage them to take an interest in local and international issues and think about how they can influence positive change. Our children think critically about their role in a global society.</p>	<p><i>Galatians 6:5 For each will have to bear his own load.</i></p>
 <p><b>Tolerance</b></p>	<p>It is vitally important to us that our children grow up with tolerance and respect for others. We emphasise the similarities between ourselves and other religions and cultures rather than differences to give our children the best opportunity to develop tolerance and respect for others. Jesus taught us to put our differences aside and treat everyone as our neighbour.</p>	<p><i>Luke 10:29 So he asked Jesus, "But who is my neighbour?"</i></p>
 <p><b>Community</b></p>	<p>In Hook Norton, our community is one of our main strengths. The village is highly supportive and very proud of our school. We hold community events that include everyone such as our Harvest Supper Soup Kitchen, our Christmas party for the older members of our community and our Summer Barbecues. We also consider our partner schools in other localities to be an integral part of our school community. Our ties with the Chipping Norton Partnership, Dashwood Academy, Vastra-ParkSkolan in Sweden, École Louis Pasteur in France and Dominion School in Kenya make us who we are.</p>	<p><i>Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another</i></p>

 <p><b>Education</b></p>	<p>We believe that education should provide enriching experiences for all children. We have high expectations of our children in all areas of our curriculum and strive to develop children as life-long learners, equipped and confident to embrace the future.</p>	<p><i>Proverbs 16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!</i></p>
 <p><b>Justice</b></p>	<p>We encourage our children to treat others justly; with fairness and respect. We often look at cases of social injustice, locally, nationally and internationally, and think about how we can make small changes in our lives that would make big changes in the lives of others. For example, we celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight and think about how a small change in the way we shop can help to contribute to more just treatment for others.</p>	<p><i>Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.</i></p>
 <p><b>Equality</b></p>	<p>The Bible teaches us that we are all equal in the eyes of God. We believe that it is important to treat people with fairness and equality. Our children know that the term equality doesn't always mean that everyone should be treated the same way. Different people need different levels of support to be able to achieve the same outcomes.</p>	<p><i>Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Jesus Christ.</i></p>
 <p><b>Healthy Living</b></p>	<p>We teach our children the importance of looking after their health. It is important to us that our children know how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. This includes understanding the importance of a well-balanced diet, finding a way to exercise that suits each individual and avoiding substances that may harm your body. It is also crucial to us that our children are able to talk about mental health and know where to get help if they need it.</p>	<p><i>Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit living within you, whom you have from God? So glorify God in your body.</i></p>
 <p><b>Freedom</b></p>	<p>Our children are beginning to understand the ways in which we live in a free country and what this may mean to them as they grow up. We are all free to hold our own beliefs and express ourselves in our own way, so long as it does not affect the freedom of others. We know that everyone has the right to their own faiths and beliefs.</p>	<p><i>John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.</i></p>

	<p>We are proud of our school. The children and staff alike take great pride in their work and school environment. We feel that it is important to celebrate every child's personal achievements and are blown away by the talents our children have. We teach our children the importance of taking pride in the way they conduct themselves, both in their work and socially.</p>	<p><i>Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made and it was very good.</i></p>
	<p>The Bible teaches us the importance of working together as a team and striving towards one goal. The children in our school learn how to be a part of a team. They learn how to play their part in collaborative projects and make compromises for the good of the team. They learn how to make use of each other's talents to create a stronger, more powerful team. One of our reward systems for our children is team based and children strive to be the best they can be to earn points for their team. As a school, we are a great team.</p>	<p><i>Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up.</i></p>
	<p>"Reach for the moon. Even if you miss you'll fall among the stars." – Anon. We teach our children to strive to be the best version of themselves they can be. We nurture their dreams and ambitions and teach them how to achieve them. We have high expectations of all children and encourage them to strive for the best in all areas of the curriculum.</p>	<p><i>Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.</i></p>
	<p>Jesus led by example when he taught us to be kind to others. He saw good in everyone, even those others had turned their backs on, and those who had turned their backs on Him. We all strive to be like Jesus. We show kindness to others, even when they have not shown kindness to us.</p>	<p><i>Mark 12:31 Love your neighbour as yourself.</i></p>
	<p>It is vitally important to us that our children grow up respecting others. Our children feel confident in having a go at new tasks and sharing their work because they know that they are properly respected by others. The respect they show for each other shines through. We teach our children to show this level of respect to everyone.</p>	<p><i>Peter 2:17 Show proper respect to everyone.</i></p>

	<p>God loves each of us and encourages us to love one another. We show love and respect to each member of our school community. Feeling safe and loved, our children are in a better place to achieve and grow.</p>	<p><b>Corinthians 13:4</b> <i>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.</i></p>
	<p>Determination is integral in achieving your goals. One of the key characteristics of a good learner is the ability to keep going, even when a task is hard. Children are encouraged to strive for a goal without giving up. They encourage each other to achieve.</p>	<p><b>Corinthians 9:24</b> <i>Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.</i></p>
	<p>Every member of our school community should feel that they belong with us. We ensure that all children are given a voice within our school and their beliefs and opinions are nurtured. Everyone in our school has the opportunity to find their role within our community. We feel that our school is a safe and nurturing place to belong.</p>	<p><b>Hebrews 13:1</b> <i>Let brotherly love continue.</i></p>
	<p>We learn to celebrate diversity within our school. We know that everyone is different yet we are fundamentally the same. We respect everyone's beliefs, faiths and personalities and accept each other for who we are. God made us all different and we know that God loves each of us the same.</p>	<p><b>Proverbs 27:17</b> <i>As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.</i></p>
	<p>As a Church of England school, our Faith in God shines through everything we do. Our children are encouraged to nurture their faith in their own way. We equip our children with a range of ways of getting in touch with their faith, allowing them to figure out their own beliefs and what these mean to them on an individual level.</p>	<p><b>Hebrews 11:1</b> <i>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.</i></p>
	<p>Family is so important to us. We believe that to effectively educate our children, the school must work in partnership with families. We have opportunities for families to come and view our work by putting on class assemblies and welcoming families in for open days. Our staff are so friendly and welcome opportunities</p>	<p><b>Peter 2:17</b> <i>Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers.</i></p>

	to communicate with families. Our school community feels like a family- maybe that's why one of our Golden Rules is to treat the school like our second home!	
	We know that it is our collective responsibility to look after our environment. We learn different ways of taking care of the environment. We elect an Eco committee who represent us when making decisions for our school. They promote environmental issues and encourage us to think about ways in which we can make positive changes to the environment and reduce our carbon footprint.	<i>Genesis 2:15 The Lord God put man in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.</i>
	Reflection is an important part of our education. We believe that it is important to reflect on our practices and think about how we could improve our efforts in the future. We encourage our children to reflect on their work and in doing so, they become better learners. We also give children the opportunity to reflect on their own spirituality and their relationship with God.	