

John Ruskin Primary School and Language Classes

Promoting British Values

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“Be responsible, be fair, stay positive and care”



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The Government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values were reiterated in November 2014 by the DfE. They state that, “schools should promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs”.

At JRS, these values are reinforced regularly through our eight Core Values; hope, wisdom, responsibility, respect, honesty, courage, kindness and fairness, our school code and assemblies, and in the following ways:

Democracy

Each year, all the children at JRS decide upon their own class rules linked to the core values and also vote on two school council members. The children from reception to year 6, take part in a small class elections to choose their class representatives who attend regular school council meetings with the head teacher to discuss any issues raised from class discussions. Also, the children have an opportunity to express their views about the school through an annual questionnaire. The children are explicitly taught about the democratic process in PSHE and citizenship lessons in year 3 and year 6.

The Rule of Law

At JRS, we hold high regard for the importance of laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school or the country. The children are taught from an early age the rules of the school and their importance to upholding a happy, safe school community. In addition, during PSHE and citizenship lessons throughout KS1&2, they are taught that rules and laws govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits to and from authorities such as the Police, Community Wardens and Fire safety teams help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

Through PSHE and citizenship, eSafety and SRE lessons, our children are encouraged to know and understand their human rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise them safely. From a young age, pupils are encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

Mutual respect is at the heart of our Core Values. All members of the school community treat each other with politeness and respect. We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. RE and PSHE and Citizenship lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. The Student and Family Support Team, alongside the Friends of John Ruskin plan annual events to bring together different community groups within the school.