

## **How we embed British Values into our Early Years Literacy Curriculum**

### **Democracy**

Our core value of *listening carefully* is promoted throughout literacy activities, as children are encouraged to listen attentively to the ideas and opinions of others, take turns in conversations, and respond respectfully. Through speaking and listening opportunities, our pupils learn that their views are valued while also recognising the importance of hearing and respecting the views of others, supporting the development of democratic principles.

### **Individual Liberty**

Literacy activities provide our children with opportunities to make independent choices and express themselves creatively. They are encouraged to select books that interest them, share personal experiences, and develop their own ideas through mark-making, drawing, storytelling, and emergent writing. This promotes confidence, self-expression, and an understanding that they have the freedom to make choices while respecting the rights of others.

### **Mutual Respect & Tolerance**

Mutual respect is fostered through collaborative literacy experiences such as paired discussions, group storytelling, and shared reading sessions. Our pupils learn to take turns speaking, listen attentively to others, and value different viewpoints. High-quality texts provide opportunities to discuss friendships, kindness, empathy, and positive relationships, helping children develop respect for themselves and those around them. The literacy curriculum promotes tolerance and understanding by exposing children to a wide range of stories, texts, and experiences that reflect diverse cultures, families, traditions, and beliefs. Through books that celebrate differences and discussions about various customs and celebrations, our children develop an appreciation of diversity and learn to respect people from different backgrounds.

### **Rule of Law**

Our Early Year Literacy Curriculum supports the British Value of the Rule of Law by helping our children understand expectations, routines, and boundaries through stories, rhymes, and discussions. Books often explore themes of right and wrong, consequences of actions, and the importance of following rules. Through shared reading and role-play activities, children develop an understanding of fairness and learn how rules help keep everyone safe and happy within the learning environment.

