



FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parent/Carers,

School Development Focus for Spring Term 2017.

Learning Behaviours

At Fairlands, we are developing children's ability to discuss their learning. Many of our values help our children to develop skills and attitudes that will help them be successful learners, we call these attributes 'learning behaviours'. For example:

Resilience - we want to see children learning from mistakes and seeing that having to rethink an aspect of their learning as a way to improve. Resilience is about picking themselves up after a setback and being able to give it another go.

Courage – successful learners ask "What if...?" and "What shall we try now?" They push themselves to try new things and knowing that learning is sometimes uncomfortable!

Pride - we want to see children actively evaluating their work and developing the ability to believe that they can always improve, whilst taking a pride in their own and others work and achievements.

Responsibility – successful learners develop the belief that they have a responsibility for their own achievements, valuing their own effort and taking the initiative for their own learning.

Whilst we celebrate one value each month, we continuously revisit all of our values in our day to day teaching. We welcome your views and opinions on how we can further develop these types of learning behaviours both at school and at home.

Social Development

Parents at our last parent forum requested the second focus for the spring term to be children's social development. Preparing children for life once they leave school, both academically and socially is a key aspect of the curriculum at Fairland's. Each year group approaches this with the age and development of the children firmly in mind. Again, we would love to have your views on what you feel is working well, what we could do more of, or what you feel would be good for us to start doing.

To share your views with us you can come along to our parent forum on Friday, 24th February or email school-development@fairlands.herts.sch.uk.

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