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# Values Education

## Happy New Year...

Welcome back, we hope you had a special Christmas and the New Year brings with it a time of unfolding possibilities and has prepared you for any challenges that may come your way and let's also hope it allows us the ability to enjoy the simple pleasures that life has to offer!

Last year we considered two different values: **Respect & Peace**.

Out of these values the children have begun to better understand and use the language of values; talking confidently about **the wishes and considerations of others** and about the freedom from quarrels and disagreement, **with people living in peace with each other**.

*If you could also use the language of 'values' at home, it would really help us to reinforce the discussions we have at school.*

This year, we recommence by looking at: **Determination**

## Determination



Feel it, show it, live it . . .

Last year we all saw many examples of the **determination** of people in their chosen sports. Every day in school life it is exciting to watch the **determination** of children to succeed. The Bible is full of stories and commentary about the importance of following God's will and being strengthened by God when things get difficult as in the following quotation:

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

We also need to know that we will not be able to achieve everything we wish for, but it is the striving to do our best which is most important in life...

## How can parents help?

**Draw attention to and show positive learning habits, to the children, by:**

- 1) Sticking at things, especially if they are difficult
- 2) Talking to your child about how you feel when you are taking on challenges
- 3) Praise your child when they persevere at something, but also encourage them to take a break when they have had enough
- 4) Help your child to find interests and activities that are really absorbing and interesting – promoting **determination**

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