

**Welcome back to a new school year!** I hope that you all had lovely summer holidays and have come back to the Autumn term raring to go. Our new reception starters have made a great start to life in Ribble Class and the rest of the children have settled back into their new classes as if they have never been away!

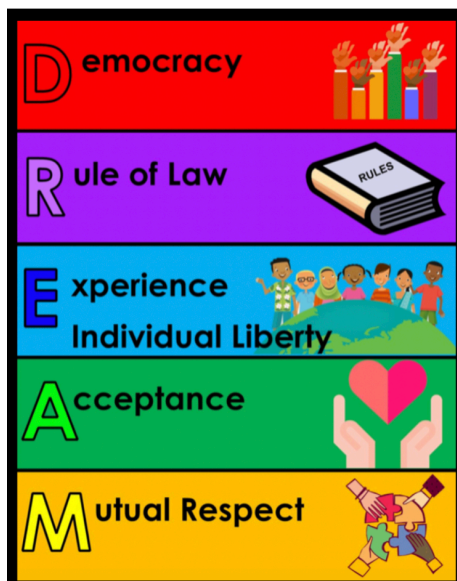


**School Priorities** Every academic year, schools prioritise their work based on improving what can be improved from the previous year or in response to changes in the educational landscape. You will have heard earlier in the week of the removal of the Ofsted overall effectiveness judgment but the other five areas remain. Our priorities link to the five areas and are briefly summarised below:

**Quality of Education** - To raise standards in core subject areas (RWM); to continue to monitor the effectiveness of our curriculum.

**Behaviour and Attitudes** - To further improve pupils' attitudes to learning and to introduce OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) as a tool to develop conflict resolution.

**Personal Development** - To increase extra curricular opportunities for pupils; to develop the theme of DREAMs (Fundamental British Values) to underpin everything we do (see below).



**Leadership and Management** - To increase the monitoring of the core subjects; to increase the number of monitoring visits by governors.

**Early Years** - To ensure that the spiral curriculum that threads its way throughout the whole school starts in pre-school with our two year olds

**Sponsored Walk** I am delighted to share with you our final total from the sponsored walk. You and the children managed to brilliantly raise over £1500 which is such a lot of money that will be put to good use by the PTFA on behalf of the children. Thank you so much!

**Uniform reminder** Please can I remind parents of our uniform expectations? There are a number of children wearing trainers on non-PE days which is not in keeping with our uniform policy. Please can you also make sure that all items of clothing are named so that we can repatriate lost items to their rightful owners? Thank you!

<https://darleyandsummerbridge.co.uk/about-us/school-uniform/>

- 2 Sep - Training day
- 3 Sep - Children return
- 24 Sep - Flu immunisations
- 27 Sep - Swale Class visit to Brimham Rocks
- 1 Oct - Brimham Rocks writer workshop
- 2 Oct - New Starter Parents Evening 4pm
- 9 Oct - LGB Meeting
- 15 Oct - Fire safety Visit
- 25 Oct - Break up for half term

**Table Top Gaming Club** will be on the 3rd Tuesday of each half term this year from 3.30 - 5.30pm for pupils in Year 4 - 6. If you would like your child to attend please contact Mr Howarth (17th September, 19th November, 21st January, 11th March, 6th May and 17th June)

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