



Headteacher's assembly 21st Sept 2026: **Words are powerful.**

Thinking time whilst the children enter assembly:

Can you **name** the **5 British Values**? Here are 5 clues:

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The children had no problem solving the clues! Today we were talking about something which covered some of those values, but especially respect. Today we wanted to focus on how we show each other respect and how we keep each other safe.



Respect

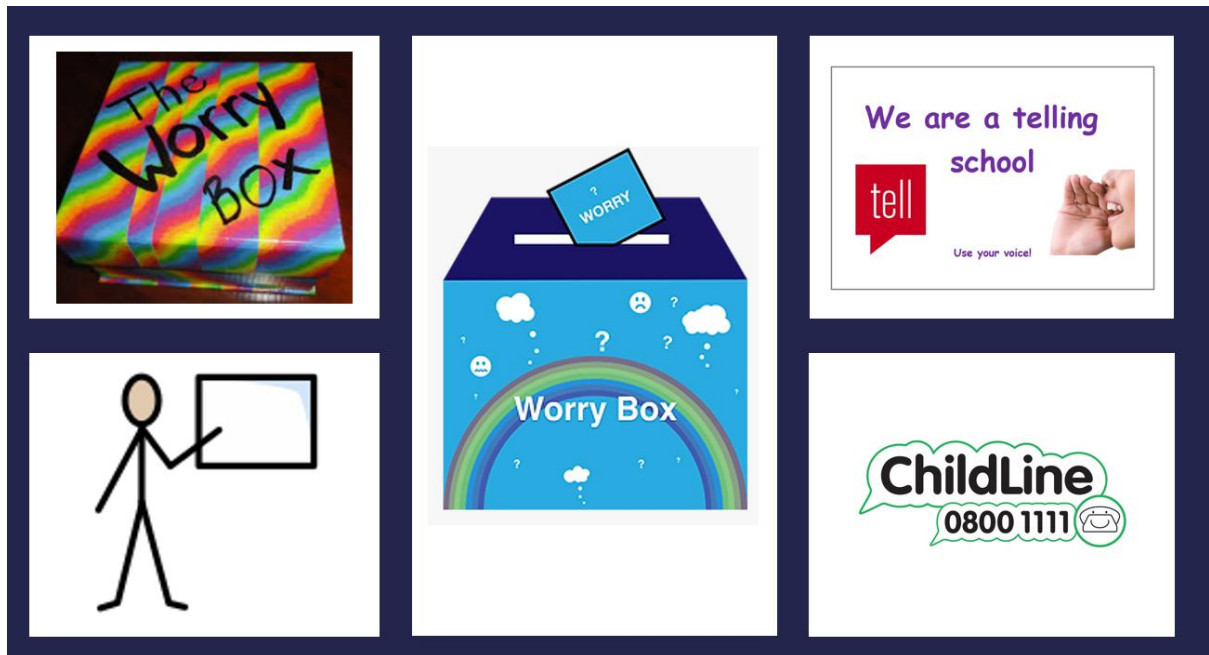


Safe

Words are powerful, it is important we use them carefully. We talked about how great they can make others feel when we use them positively. However there are some words that are unsafe because they restrict peoples right to help and make them feel uncomfortable. We openly discussed terms like tell-tale, snitch, dobber and grass. They are usually used by people who are in the wrong and need our help. They are not Highfield words because they can make others feel unsafe.

We then looked at the following slide together and discussed what they were:

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Classroom worry boxes, the online worry box, talking to your teacher and how we reach Childline were all discussed. But we finished with 'We are a telling school'. We help each other, we tell each other and we find help when we need it.