



Independence is about:

- Decision making
- Self- knowledge
- Transferring skills
- Solving problems
- Thinking for self
- Organisation
- Setting own goals
- Working alone
- Knowing when to ask for help



Independence enables us to stand on our own two feet and make the most of life's opportunities. We believe that an independent learner is self-motivated to learn and has the self- knowledge to understand how they learn best. We encourage persistence, resourcefulness and responsibility. We strive to aid young learners to set their own targets and recognise their own achievements. We offer time and opportunities to develop skills in independent learning and easy access to a wide range of resources.

Independent learners will:

- Apply prior learning to solve new problems
- Select, evaluate and use appropriate resources in carrying out research and tasks
- Set their own challenging goals and have an ambition to achieve these, keeping themselves focussed and on track
- Reflect on how they learn, learning their preferences and identifying strengths and weaknesses, decide on own next steps, seeking support where necessary
- Be responsible, organise and manage learning and resources, work to deadlines
- Make informed choices and take wise decisions accepting responsibility for their actions
- Know themselves as learners and have the confidence to use their own initiative and work alone



What will we see in our school:

- Explicit teaching of independent skills within integrated projects
- Tasks designed will facilitate pupil generated questions
- Resources well organised, of high quality and easily accessible
- A classroom environment that encourages and supports individual work
- New technologies used to enhance and develop pupils ideas
- Rewards for learning not performance
- Smaller learning groups in key subjects

