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Dear Parent/Carer,

At the start of this academic year, Mrs Hall introduced an exciting new strategy in school. This new scheme is called 'Building Learning Power' (BLP) and was created by Professor Guy Claxton. It has been used successfully in many local schools, with the impact being measured in children's self-confidence and positive attitude to learning as well as in their high attainment.

The main aims of Building Learning Power are:

- To teach children how to be effective learners
- To create life-long learners
- To give confidence in learning ability
- To motivate people to achieve



At Amesbury we have used the 'tree' as a visual representation and these core principles are based on 6 dispositions ('R's) that are our 'roots' of the tree. The skills within these, are the leaves that will continue to grow and change as the children move up through the school.

Term 1 – Respect (empathy, caring, respect for property, self, others, authority and the environment)

Term 2 – Responsibility (reliable, accountable, responsible for actions, self)

Term 3 – Relationships (collaboration, empathy, imitation, interdependence, listening)

Term 4 – Resourcefulness (capitalising, imagining, making links, questioning, reasoning)

Term 5 – Resilience (absorption, managing distractions, noticing, perseverance)

Term 6 – Reflectiveness (revising, planning, meta learning, distilling)

We are already seeing a high impact in classes, with children showing a greater involvement in their learning, building more positive relationships with their peers and showing respect for school property and each other. Children are using the BLP vocabulary with each other, and in their learning.

As part of monitoring the success of BLP I will be sending out more information and asking for feedback about your child's opinion of the BLP throughout the rest of this academic year.

I have attached a leaflet giving you more initial information about BLP, how it works and how you can support your children with developing these 'powers' at home.

If you have any questions or would like further information about BLP, please get in contact, either in person or at [questions@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:questions@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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