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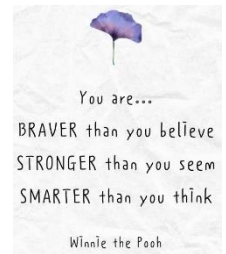
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Values at Stepping Stones

The Value of the week is Courage.

This week our focused value will be **courage** – one of our new school values to focus on in the year ahead - and we will be teaching and showing the children what this can mean, daily.

This week the children will be listening and watching the powerful video showing Keala Settle sing "This is me" for the first time. She was extremely nervous and very unsure of whether she could do it. There was enormous pressure to get it right, it was going to be the film's anthem for "The Greatest Showman"..... she took a deep breath, she believed she could do it despite the nerves and fear....she took that brave step with an amazing outcome! We will be helping the children to understand this week that taking a brave step is the only way we can grow and learn, find out about ourselves, in spite of what others may say or think of us.



The message? **Be brave, Be you!**

Please remember to let us know when your child has been able to take that brave step, no matter how small. We really do want to celebrate home nominations for our Values' Board in school each week. Simply message the class teacher via Class Dojo for a home nomination which will be read out and celebrated at Daily Meeting.



One of **Can-do Colin's** key messages is to be brave; to take a risk when faced with new challenges.

"Find your brave!"

The children have made a fabulous start to the new term and just as last year, we will be celebrating their achievements each week during "Work Wednesday" Whole School Meeting time.

The House Captains collected some examples of learning their team-mates were particularly proud of. This week it was the turn of **Darwin House**.

Learning Highlights



Darcy started us off by sharing some intriguing art work. Maple Class had found out about the artist *Shaun Tan* and how he set about starting off his new pieces. The children replicated this. Darcy was proud to share her creations – fabulous Darcy! 😊

Andrew very proudly shared some maths learning he had completed last week, learning how to represent numbers in different ways. He was keen to share how if he had made a mistake, he simply tried again! A great can-do attitude Andrew! 😊

Archie was able to explain his work all by himself too, showing everyone how he had used images to help him learn and understand times tables, very well done Archie! 😊

Jensen's class teacher shared some very accurate counting which he had completed in one of his maths lessons this week – counting accurately beyond 20, great concentration Jensen! 😊

Class Dojo



Our main form of communication with home is via Class Dojo. This is a free app where you can link to the school.

We share learning, newsletters, positive experiences and communicate key messages through this system.

Please ensure you are signed up. New sign in details can be sent home to parents who are not on the APP.

Celebrating National Fitness Day



Keeping fit and healthy is so important to all aspects of our lives.

As a school the children and staff will be completing a range of short active tasks throughout the week.

In their PSHE lessons, the children will be finding out more about how to keep up a healthy lifestyle!

Perhaps you can join in at home too! 😊

Behaviour and Safety



Our three school rules are

- Be respectful
- Be Safe
- Complete your learning / tasks to a good standard

Please can you encourage and praise your child at home for working hard. Our school is focused on building positive relationships with the children to provide safety, consistency and trust. We have a firm, fair, friendly and focused approach. All staff have the same expectations, so children know boundaries.

A copy of your child's Emotional Regulation Plan will be coming home this week, for you to see what strategies and support have been agreed.

Thank you for your continued support. The children have made a super start to the new term, thank you for mirroring our ethos and values at home.

Please remember that we are here to support you and you can contact Mrs Armstrong (Family Support – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).

Miss Meacham and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School

