



SPRING TERM (1)

15TH JANUARY 2024

WEEK 2



Values at Stepping Stones



The Values of the Week are TOLERANCE AND KINDNESS

Our focused values this week will be **tolerance** and **kindness**. They are two of our core school values and we will be discussing what these can both look and feel like to each of us, daily.



During our Circle Time, we will be focussing particularly on kindness and the children's task in school this week is taken from the book by Carol McCloud "Have you Filled a Bucket today?"

The idea is that everyone carries around an invisible bucket throughout the day, which is being filled by the kind things that you do for others or that others do for you. A bucket filler is someone who is showing positive character traits (kindness, compassion care, respect, consideration for others), and is being a responsible citizen. When our buckets are full, we feel happy. When our buckets are empty, we feel sad.

The children will each have a bucket to fill with kindness! We can't wait to see the children start practising being bucket fillers in the classroom, and of course do continue to encourage the children to be bucket fillers at home!

Please do take some time to discuss these values with your child at home and let us know when they have been able to show tolerance and kindness within the family; or when they have worked well as a team with either yourselves or their brothers and sisters. We love to be able to celebrate home nominations for our Values' Board in school each week.



Can-do Colin will be resuming his weekends at home with the children. Please do encourage your child to involve him in your weekend activities and to pop photo/picture/ sentence in the diary ready for his return to school each Monday. Thank you.

Key Reminders



Thank you!

Thank you once again to everyone for making me feel so welcome during my first week at Stepping Stones last week. All of the children were very helpful in showing me the routines of the school and how the rules work for every lesson. There were some lovely things on the Class Dojo too last week and I hope you have all managed to check this out. It is a great place to check in and see how well your child is getting on in school. **Mrs Hamer, Acting Headteacher.**

Headteacher Awards:

Oak Class: Jacob, for having a safe and respectful week; and completing all of his learning and having impeccable manners. 😊

Maple Class: Jake, for having an outstanding Can-do attitude all week in school; and for completing all of his home learning to a very high standard!

Hazel class: Steven, for having a safe week at Stepping Stones and for listening to his adults to help him share and play with his classmates. 😊



During "Work Wednesday" Whole School Meeting last week, it was the turn of

Seacole House to celebrate examples of their learning:

Learning Highlights



Jayden was eager to share his learning about the properties of light in science - he had produced a detailed scientific diagram and confidently explained to the whole school! Fabulous Jayden! 😊

Evie was very happy to explain her learning in geography on climate change. She had completed a map of the world and gave a very detailed explanation based on lots of research. Evie was very confident as she shared lots of interesting facts to the whole school! Amazing Evie! 😊

Steven was eager to share his writing he had completed, focussing on the phoneme 'ar'. He was very proud to stand up and show the sentence he had completed in his English book. Wonderful Steven! 😊

Leon was keen to share some of his learning and bravely stood up in front of everyone, while Mr Holt explained his detailed observation on rocks in Science last week. Wonderful to see Leon! 😊

Nico was also eager to share the detailed table he had completed in science, with lots of careful observations of rocks. Amazing Nico! 😊



Operation Encompass Our school is part of Operation Encompass which works in conjunction between schools and Lancashire Constabulary.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced any domestic abuse, or where the police have attended a home for different reasons and children from our school are present.

We have four Designated Safeguarding Leads for the next 2 terms – Ms Hamer, Miss Meacham, Miss Hunter and Mrs Armstrong. The DSL's receive information from other agencies such as the Police in order to ensure children have the best support in place following any incidents.

We continue to ask parents / carers to inform school of any incidents, changes etc. that may cause your child distress and impact on their school day.

School Uniform – just as children do in mainstream schools, all our children at Stepping Stones are also expected to wear our school uniform please.



Our school uniform is navy blue jumper / cardigan. White polo / shirt/ t shirt.

Grey or black trousers/ leggings, skirt / shorts or jogging bottoms.

Children should be wearing black school shoes or black trainers.

Children who are with us for short periods of time may choose to wear their mainstream school uniform.

We do have uniform available to purchase if you wish your child to have a jumper with a logo / t shirt with a logo.

On PE days children may wear their PE kit. Again, this should be plain **non-branded** joggers / shorts and **plain PE T-shirts** (White, blue, black). NO FOOTBALL shirts or hoodies. They can wear their navy jumper over the top.

Please read the class newsletter / information on Class Dojo to find your child's PE day.



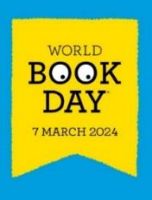
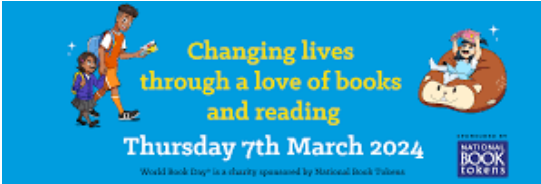


Thank you for your continued support. The children continue to build positive relationships in class teams; and are busy making our new pupils feel welcome! Thank you so much for mirroring our school ethos and school values at home.

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

Mrs Hamer and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School



Spring Term 2024 Diary of Events - to cut off and keep

	<p>Friday 2nd February NSPCC Number Day</p> <p><i>The children will be busy in the morning with a range of exciting maths activities. There will be further information on our theme nearer the time.</i></p>
	<p>Tuesday 6th February Safer Internet Day</p> <p><i>The children will spend the day on a range of themed activities.</i></p>
	<p>Thursday 7th March World Book Day</p> <p><i>We will be celebrating this day in school with a range of book themed tasks and activities.</i></p> 
	<p>Friday 15th March Red Nose Day</p> <p><i>The children can come to school dressed in red if they wish. (with the usual reminder for no football shirts please). We will be raising money for a local charity – more information nearer the time, thank you.</i></p>
	<p>18th – 24th March Neurodiversity Celebration Week</p> <p><i>We will be celebrating with a range of activities throughout the week in school. We will be having a cake sale to raise money to support activities for our children in school, here at Stepping Stones. Further information nearer the time.</i></p>