



SPRING TERM (1)

22ND JANUARY 2024

WEEK 3



The Value of the Week is Unity



Our focused value this week is one of our new values for this academic year, **Unity**. We will be discussing what this can both look and feel like to each of us, daily.

Unity is doing something together at the same time. Unity is working together with a shared goal. Unity makes big tasks seem easy. Unity is fun and makes us feel like one big team! Unity builds respect for one another and develops a sense of belonging and purpose amongst the team.

Please do take some time to discuss this value with your child at home and let us know when they have been able to show unity within the family: solving problems together; looking out for each other; showing respect to everyone at home; following the family rules! 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



Class Dojo

Please remember to sign in to this as often as possible to keep up to date with what is happening in each class and to see how learning can continue at home too. It is a great place to see the highlights of the week.

Learning Highlights



For our Learning Highlights this week, the whole school went to view the working models, which Oak Class had created for their studies in Geography this term on "Natural Disasters".



Headteacher Awards:

Elm Class: Luke, for focussing well on all of his learning tasks this week; for working independently and accepting challenges! 😊





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.

Things from home A reminder for the new Spring Term:

Your child does not need to bring anything other than a water bottle to school. All equipment is provided.

If it has been agreed for the child to have a comforter e.g. teddy, this needs to be agreed with the class teacher and the teacher will set rules around where this stays during learning times.

We don't encourage children to bring things for the following reasons....

- It causes problems / difficulties and can cause further upset for your child when we have rules about objects.
- It may go missing, lost, misplaced etc.
- It could get damaged.

We encourage children to take responsibility for their bags, clothing etc. It is also really helpful if school jumpers/cardigans are named.

Please do not send your child with objects from home. We cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged items. Please do not send your child with expensive clothing / objects. Jewelry is not to be worn in school. If a child's ears are pierced then the expectation is for studs only to be worn, for safety reasons. Thank you.

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).

Ms Hamer and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School

