



# SPRING TERM (1)

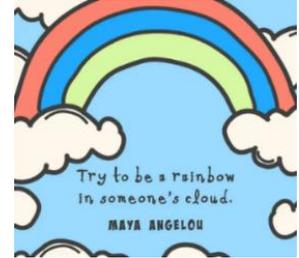
5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

WEEK 5



## The Value of the Week is Understanding

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



We will be explaining to the children how taking time to understand others, is taking time to empathise. **Empathy** is understanding how someone else is feeling and to understand the situation they are in. **“Putting yourself in someone else’s shoes”**. Empathy helps you to become a better friend, classmate and citizen.

Please do take the time to discuss this value with your child at home and let us know when they have been able to show understanding within the family. We love to be able to celebrate home nominations for our Values’ Board in school each week.



**Can-do Colin** is busy visiting the children at weekends. 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



#### Number Day Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

We really enjoyed our event last week and the children took part in lots of fabulous activities. Please check out the Class Dojo’s and Twitter pages to see what we got up to.



#### New Faces

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be having new children and new staff join us. I am looking forward to seeing the children welcome them; and helping to show the new starters all of our lovely school routines. We have also been reviewing our timetable to include extra enrichment activities, to support our whole school curriculum. We are looking forward to trying lots of new experiences.



#### Safer Internet Day

This week sees the celebration of Safer Internet Day. The children will be reminded about how to keep themselves safe online and how to keep themselves healthy whilst using technology. We will also be looking at the pros and cons of internet use.

During “*Work Wednesday*” Whole School Meeting last week, it was the turn of

**Jordan House** to celebrate examples of their learning:

**Learning Highlights**



**Jordan** was eager to share some art work he had completed, showing great skill with blending watercolour paints to produce a stunning sunset image. Fabulous Jordan! 😊

**DJ** very proudly read out some writing he had completed in the week – converting his notes with lots of information about the red fox, into extended sentences. Wonderful DJ! 😊

**Ella** very proudly explained her art work she had completed, also showing great skill with blending watercolour paints to produce a stunning sunset image. Amazing Ella! 😊

**Peter**, though shy in front of everyone, was very happy to show his learning in phonics this week. He is working so hard to practise and everyone gave him a big clap! Wonderful Peter! 😊

**Headteacher Awards:**

**Hazel class:** Tyler – for showing lots of kindness towards his classmates and working so hard to follow the school rules and try his best all week! 😊



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

