



# SPRING TERM (2)

18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

WEEK 5



## The Value of the Week is Patience

This week the value we will be discussing is Patience. We will begin the week as usual with our whole school Circle Time. This week, we will be playing a self-control game, do ask your child to discuss it with you at home this week.

We will be teaching the children and helping them to understand that, Patience is the ability to wait for something without getting upset and still being positive.

It is important for children to learn patience as it can benefit their health and relationships.

Learning patience can take some time to develop, so the children will be practicing this in their classes this week in a range of fun activities; and discussing in their classes what Patience can both look and feel like to each of us, daily.

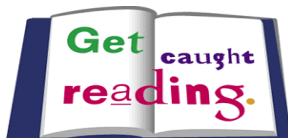
Remember we love to hear about how the children are showing and sharing our school values at home! Look out for examples when your child has shown patience, especially with younger siblings perhaps! Then simply message the class teacher via Class Dojo for a home nomination, which will be read out and celebrated at Daily Meeting.

Finally, Can-do Colin was out and about over the weekend and we can't wait to hear about all of his adventures – please do remember to send in some photos of his exploits with your child on Class Dojo.

Thank you - we really do value your input from home. 😊



### Key Reminders



We are still running our “**Get Caught Reading**” initiative too. If you see your child reading – snap a photo and send it in on their Class Dojo with a comment of what they were reading and how they were enjoying their book. Each photo sent in will mean 20 bonus points for your child, each time a photo is sent in. We can't wait to display everyone's lovely photos to celebrate the importance and love of reading we share at Stepping Stones!



School Dinners



Payment

**A gentle reminder:** If you send in money for school lunches, please can the payment be paid on Mondays and be in an envelope with your child's name on.

Any outstanding payments need to be with us as soon as possible please. Thank you so much.



During "Work Wednesday" Whole School Meeting last week, it was the turn of **Jordan House** to celebrate examples of their learning:

### Learning Highlights



**Heath** was eager to share his writing this week – extending his sentences with interesting vocabulary and focusing well on spelling unfamiliar words using his phoneme knowledge. Wonderful to see Heath! 😊

**DJ** was very happy to read his sentences out to the whole school which he had completed in one of his writing sessions this week. He had focused well on sentence punctuation and independently spelling new words. Fabulous DJ! 😊

**Peter** was eager to share his letter formation and his phonics learning – he is working so hard with a fantastic Can-do attitude! Wonderful Peter! 😊

### Headteacher Awards



**Oak Class: Jayden**, for showing our school values all week and encouraging and supporting others to make positive choices! 😊

**Hazel Class: Jensen**, for amazing tolerance in class; and for showing our school's Can-do attitude all week! 😊

**Maple Class: Bradley**, for focussing on his own safe, predictable choices and having a Can-do attitude all week! 😊



### **Neurodiversity Celebration Week**



### **18th – 24th March Neurodiversity Celebration Week**

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. Check out your class Dojo pages for information and activities the children will be busy with over the next couple of weeks!

We will be planning a **sponsored gym circuit** – more details to follow this week.

Thank you for your continued support. The children continue to build positive relationships in class teams; and are busy making all of 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

