



# SPRING TERM (2)

19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

WEEK 1



## Welcome Back!

We hope that you all had a peaceful half term and are looking forward to enjoying our new enrichment curriculum that begins later this week. The last part of our day will include a variety of enrichment activities and channel a wide range of interests. We will also be asking children for future ideas for the activities so please get your thinking caps on.



## The Values of the Week are TRUST and RESPECT

This first week back, our focused values will be **trust** and **respect**.

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 re-visiting the activity which requires the children to work closely as a team, trusting and respecting each other's decisions. At home, ask your child about how they managed this task – "Don't wake the dragon!"

Please do take the time to discuss these values with your child at home and let us know when they have been able to show trust and respect within the family; or when they have worked well as 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** is busy visiting the children at weekends. Please do encourage your child to involve him in your weekend activities and to pop a photo/picture/ sentence in the diary ready for his return to school each Monday. Thank you 😊

### Key Reminders



#### World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

To help continue to promote our joy of reading in school we will be celebrating world book day with a range of fun book activities all day on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. We will also be launching our get caught reading competition where you can also join in at home. More information to follow.



## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

We are inviting all children and staff to wear red clothes if they choose for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for a small donation. The day will also include activities from the Red Nose charity to raise awareness of what this wonderful charity does to support people within the local community. Please be reminded that this does not include wearing football shirts, thank you.

During “*Work Wednesday*” Whole School Meeting in the last week of the half-term, it was the turn of **Einstein House** to celebrate examples of their learning:

### Learning Highlights



**Finley** was eager to share some learning he had completed on decimals in his maths that week. It was a real treat to hear him talk about it to everyone. We always love hearing about his story writing, so it was also lovely to hear him talk about how the decimal task had been difficult at first, but then he practised and felt much better about it all – what a fabulous can-do approach! Wonderful Finley! 😊

It was only **Lucas's** fourth day at school with us. However, he was proud to share how focussed he had been with his first writing piece that week – letting adults encourage and support him to show what he could do – another fabulous can-do attitude! Fabulous Lucas! 😊

**Harry**, though a little shy at sharing in front of everyone, he was obviously very proud to have Ms. Wilkie explain how he had designed his mini-world light box scene for the art project in Oak class. Everyone was very impressed with the detail he had included. Amazing Harry! 😊

**Codie** has been trying very hard with his written tasks in class. He was keen to share some sentence writing he had completed, where he had focussed well on spacing and spelling independently. Wonderful Codie! 😊

### Headteacher Awards:

**Oak Class:** Jacob - for showing beautiful manners; trusting and talking to his class adults more; working hard in all of his learning tasks and taking time appropriately if needed. WOW!

**Maple Class:** Ethan – for showing great tolerance towards the needs of others in school this 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

