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4TH MARCH 2024

WEEK 3



The Value of the Week is Hope

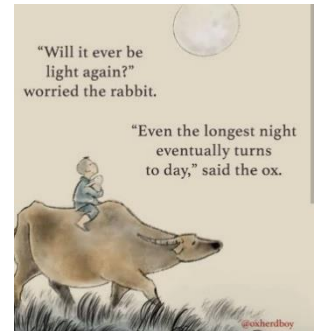
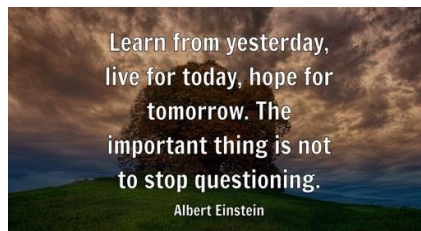
We are excited this week to introduce one of our new values for this school year – **Hope**. It goes hand in hand with our school ethos and school :
“A Can-do School”. To quote Marting Luther King Jr:

“Only in the darkness can you see the stars”.

We believe that children who understand the value of hope will be less likely to lose faith or give up. When the going gets tough, they won't allow themselves to be overcome by discouragement. We will be asking the children about what they hope to achieve and how they plan to go about achieving their goals and dreams.

When children are stuck, it is important not to jump in and solve their problems for them. Rather, ask them what steps they need to take. We will be talking and discussing with the children about times they were able to overcome previous problems; reminding them of their past successes. This builds hope and helps them to be successful in the present and future as well.

Throughout the week, the children will be discussing in their classes what **Hope** 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 the opportunities to share and discuss your child's hopes and dreams this week; and times to help them think about how to solve a problem; and to and think about their previous successes!

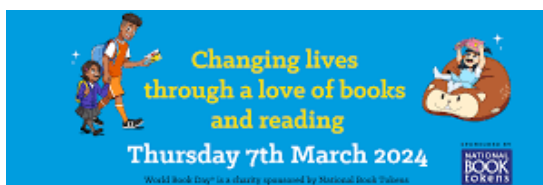
Simply message the class teacher via Class Dojo for a home nomination which will be read out and celebrated at Daily Meeting.

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.



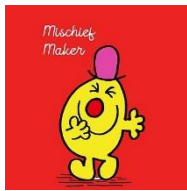
Thank you - we really do value your input from home. 😊

Key Reminders



World Book Day Thursday 7th March

We are inviting all children to wear their pyjamas and bring in teddies of their choice as part of our theme of 'bedtime stories' for this World Book Day. The children will be taking part in fun reading activities for the day and having yummy hot chocolate with their bedtime stories. We are also launching our "Get Caught Reading" initiative too. For the following two weeks 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.



Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

We are inviting all children and staff to wear red clothes if they choose, for Friday 15th 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 please.

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

Learning Highlights



Jensen was very proud to share his *independent* writing about a lion and a mouse. Amazing Jensen! 😊

Braylon, though he was shy to read out his sentence writing, he was also proud to share his learning and asked Miss Hunter to read it out to the school. Fabulous Braylon! 😊

Ethan was keen to share his learning last week on formal multiplication. He showed a fantastic can-do attitude, as he learnt something new and allowed any mistakes to help him learn. Amazing Ethan! 😊

Sophia – was eager to share a story she had written, following Maple class’ studies on The Giant’s Causeway. She created her own idea based on how a new character(s) could help the battling giants on the Giants Causeway in Ireland! Wonderful Sophia! 😊

Headteacher Awards:

Oak Class: Jayden - for being kind and respectful; and he’s approached all of his learning with a positive attitude. 😊

Hazel Class: Jensen for an outstanding can-do attitude towards his learning and school rules this week. 😊



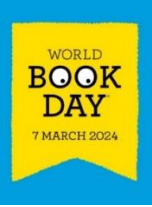



Thank you for your continued support. The children continue to build positive relationships in class teams; and are busy making our new pupils feel welcome! Thank you so much for mirroring our school ethos and school values at home.

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



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

	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 7th March World Book Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>We will be celebrating this day in school with a range of book themed tasks and activities.</i></p> 
	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 15th March Red Nose Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;">18th – 24th March Neurodiversity Celebration Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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>