



Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 03

WORSHIP THEME - SCHOOL VALUES

This week in worship we looked at each of the values boards the classes had made in our Values Day last Friday. Each class from Year 1 to Year 6 was given one of our school values with a Bible Quote to explore and create a board for to go up in the hall. The purpose of the boards is to remind us of our school values and to help us reflect on them in worship and how we can put our values into action in school, at home and in our community.

Our Christian values are displayed to help us all remember how we want to be treated and therefore how we should treat others. They provide us all with a moral compass to help us make good choices help our school family be kind to each other and our school a happy and safe place to be (pictures of the boards are on the website).

IN THE NEWS

This week we also spent a class worship reflecting on what has been happening in the news. We reflected on Emma Raducanu winning the USA Tennis Open and how her achievements link to our school value of aspiration. Congratulations Emma!

HOMEWORK UPDATE

As a teaching team we have been reflecting on what the children need to focus on in their home learning. Whatever the children do at home to support their learning needs to be purposeful and have an impact on their progress and learning in class.

We have therefore made the decision to focus homework on the core learning skills of reading, spelling and number. It is hoped this slimmed down offer will ensure that the focus is on these core skills and completed by every child every week.

READING HOMEWORK

We would like every child to be heard read or for older children to take time out to read to themselves at least four times per week. An adult needs to record every time a child is heard read in the reading record so that we can reward children for their effort. In Year 1 this will be supplemented with a weekly phonics task from their Phonics Workbook.

SPELLING HOMEWORK

Each child will be sent home with a list of spellings



each week linked to their spelling in class and the common exception words for each year group. These words need to be learnt because they do not follow spelling patterns. The number of words that sent home will increase through the year groups.

Children need to spend a small amount of time each day practising the spellings. Regular practice and retrieval of the spellings helps to move the children's learning of the spellings into their long-term memory which means they are more likely to be able to retrieve them to use in their writing. If they are not practised regularly they will be learnt and forgotten.

NUMBER HOMEWORK

From Year 2 upwards there will be an expectation for the children to complete time practising their multiplication skills on Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) each week. Multiplication and division facts underpin so much learning in maths and only regular practise will ensure that they are committed to long term memory freeing up the children's working memory to focus on solving the mathematical problems. Please support your child with going online to practise these important number skills each week.

OPTIONAL HOMEWORK GRID

We know some parents enjoy sharing their child's learning through more creative tasks. Each term you will be sent an optional homework grid with 6 practical/creative activities that you can choose to do. These are optional and should not be completed instead of the weekly reading, spelling and number work. If your child chooses to do one of these please share it with the class teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS

I am very pleased to be able to announce that Mrs. Jefferies is expecting a baby! Mrs. Jefferies is planning on starting her maternity leave at the start of Term 4 with her last day teaching Year 1 being Wednesday 9th February. She intends to take a year out to look after her new baby. I am already busy making plans for her maternity cover and as soon as I have more news on this I will update all of the parents in Year 1 with who will be teaching the class with Mrs. Dolding while Mrs Jefferies is on maternity leave. Congratulations Mrs. Jefferies!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Wonderful Weekly News

 Star Learners 
Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sienna Aurora
Year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugo Ayda
Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Callie Matilda
Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teddy Flynn
Year 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harry W Thea
Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamzin Bella B
Year 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Mollie

 Star Writers 
Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miley
Year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellis
Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ava
Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amelia
Year 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samuel
Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coral
Year 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lenny

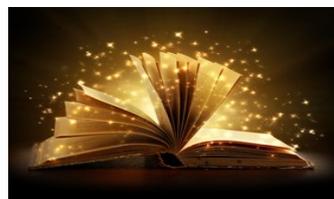
 Maths Wizards 
Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jax
Year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saffy
Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William
Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elodie
Year 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dylan
Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacob
Year 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel

Party Point Champions	
Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lily 	Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke
Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beau 	Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ella-May
Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elsie 	Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruby
Congratulations	

Gold Book Awards for Outstanding Work


Attendance Award

Year 3

Congratulations
Everyone

