

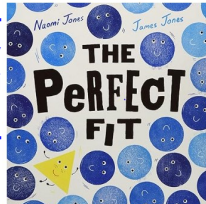


# Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 08

## WORSHIP THEME - KINDNESS

"As God's chosen people clothe yourself with kindness, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3 v 12

This week in worship we started to look at our theme of Kindness. We started by reading the book *The Perfect Fit* by Naomi and James Jones. The book was inspired by their son who was struggling to fit in at nursery.



The story is about a Triangle who lives happily with lots of circles. She worries because she is not smooth and round like the circles and when she plays her points jab into them. The circles don't mind, but she decides to go off on a journey to find other triangles where she hopes to be the perfect fit.

On her journey she meets some squares, hexagons and stars. They all welcome her and play with her, but she still feels like she doesn't quite fit in. Then one day she meets some triangles who are just like her, it is great fun to start with, but she misses the games she plays with the other shapes.

Triangle has an idea and gets all the different shapes together because she realises that something is missing, all the other shapes! They have far more fun playing all together. You don't all have to be the same to be the perfect fit.

We then reflected on how this links to what Jesus teaches us in the Bible. The children were able to say that Jesus includes everyone and loves everyone. We also decided that it reminds us that Jesus teaches us to love everyone even the outsiders. We decided that we want to make sure that our school is the perfect fit for everyone and that there are no outsiders at Sedlescombe.

Here is the link to the story if you would like to listen to this together at home: [The Perfect Fit](#)

## WELCOME BACK

I hope that everyone had a good October holiday and had some fun and rest despite the weather being quite wet.

## CURRICULUM TRAINING

On Monday the teachers started back with an INSET day in which the teachers spent time looking at their subjects, what is going well and how they can be improved further. In particular we were focussing on assessment of the foundation subjects e.g. Art, geography, history, PE etc. Assessment is important to make sure that the subject is being taught well and that the children are reaching the key milestones in the National Curriculum at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

One way we are doing this is through Curriculum Impact Meetings with the children. On Wednesday the children in each class from Y1 to Y6 were split into subject groups and all the children in the same subject group met with the subject leader. They were asked questions about their learning from last term and could share what they had done in their books/lessons. The children got to hear about what each other were doing and the subject leaders could ensure that their curriculum was being well-taught and that there aren't any problems with the amount of content and the sequencing of the knowledge.

After school in our staff meeting the subject leaders could look more deeply at the children's books and talk to staff about what had gone well and any training needs.

The teachers all loved having time to talk to the children about their learning and we hope the children enjoyed being able to share what they had done as well. It was a really informative afternoon and the next one will be at the start of Term 3 when the children will get to share their learning from Term 2.

## COUNTRYFILE RAMBLE

The weather has been extremely wet and more wet weather has been forecast for next week. Weather permitting the walks will go ahead as planned, but updates will be sent out on Wednesday and Thursday to confirm arrangements following a safety walk of the route on Wednesday morning by Mrs. Harvey.

## PTA THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who donated chocolate and sweets on Friday for the Winter Fair later this month. Also thank you to all the parents that helped at the Infant Party this evening. The children had a great time playing games, dancing and eating. It was lovely to have so many parents helping and the children had a great time.

## SAFE DRIVING

A reminder that no-one should drive down to the school gates to drop-off or pick-up as this endangers the children as they walk to and from school. Thank you.

## WEEK AHEAD REMINDERS:

- Monday: Y5 trip to Canterbury Cathedral
- Monday from 3:25: Y6 Parents' Evening Sign-Up
- Monday, Tuesday: Y6 Music workshop
- Wednesday @ 2:30: Y6 Music Workshop performance
- Thursday: Countryfile Ramble (except Y3 and Y4)
- Friday: Countryfile Ramble (Y3 and Y4)

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