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Inclusivity Week : 16th-20th November

Dear Parents and Carers,
Through our PSHE curriculum, our core values and everyday school life, we strive to create an inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated, differences are respected and supporting others is encouraged. Inclusivity Week provides a valuable opportunity for our whole school community focus to reflect on and to explore the importance of equality, tolerance, compassion, kindness and inclusion, reinforcing the values that help everyone feel valued, accepted and supported, in live with our school vision: We Believe, We Nurture and We Succeed.

As always, Inclusivity Week coincides with national Anti-Bullying Week, where the theme this year is 'Break the Silence'.

The whole school will take part with a range of activities as follows:

Monday 16th	**Focus: Celebrating Uniqueness (Odd socks day)** - All children and staff are asked to wear their wackiest odd socks. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Please ensure that the usual school uniform is worn.
Tuesday 17th	**Focus: Equality and Protected Characteristics** - All children will learn about the nine protected characteristics, discuss how prejudice and discrimination can affect people, and consider how they can challenge stereotypes and treat everyone fairly.
Wednesday 18th	**Focus: Break the Silence** - All children will explore the importance of speaking up, listening and seeking support through worship linked to the Anti-Bullying Alliance's Break the Silence theme. They will learn about different forms of bullying, including online bullying, consider why people may find it difficult to speak up, and discuss how they can support others.
Thursday 19th	**Focus: Kindness and Compassion** - All children will explore the importance of kindness, empathy and compassion and recognising how small acts of kindness can make a big difference. They will consider how their words and actions can positively affect others and be encouraged to put kindness into practice throughout the day, helping everyone to feel valued, supported and included.
Friday 20th	**Focus: Belonging and Inclusion** - All children will discuss what makes our school inclusive and welcoming. They will explore how we can include others, particularly those who may feel left out. The week will culminate in a whole school project: "Different Individuals, One Inclusive Flock!"

Keep an eye on our website and social media platforms to see what we're up to. Whole school Talking Homework will be set based on the week's learning and activities. Speaking with your child/ren about what they have been doing really helps to reinforce what we do in school.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Nicoll (PSHE Lead)