



Through the light of God we grow

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Dear parents and carers,

In the coming week (11th – 14th November) we are delivering a special curriculum week focused on belonging within and around our school community. The children across school will all enjoy an RE focus day examining and celebrating the theme of belonging within the Christian religion as well as across the faiths within our community. Children will also look at the local area, the history of the school and each year group will also develop an understanding of particular 'Leeds stories' from throughout its history that make our city vibrant and exciting.

With the theme of belonging in mind, children will also be given the opportunity to examine the theme of anti-bullying within the framework of PSHE. Children in years 1-6 will be included in three lessons, one centred on what bullying looks like and feels like from both perspectives, one focusing on inclusion and SEND and a final session that centres on 'Different families, same love' equality. All three PSHE sessions will be tied together with the theme, 'Same but different', and the focus is very much on preparing children to be inclusive of all those within our wider community. I have attached a list of picture books that will be used to celebrate inclusion to this letter, all of which are accessible for previews on Amazon and which we will be happy to share with parents should any one feel the need.

The sessions across all elements of the week are designed for our school, with our children and the wider community at the heart of our vision. We are extremely excited about the opportunity to dedicate a whole week of learning to belonging and we feel this week will contribute to the wider work we are doing to prepare the children for their life as responsible citizens in the modern world.

If you do have any questions about our exciting curriculum, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours Faithfully,

Ashleigh Dunn
Headteacher

