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Dear Parents and Carers,



As an accredited Safe School it is important that we continue to raise awareness of how to prevent bullying and continue to be a school that acknowledges that it *can* happen and therefore ensures that it provides our children with the tools to act against any such incidents throughout their lives, as well as how to support their friends when they need it and be a good friend to all.

Therefore next week, **Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November**, we will be raising the awareness of how unkind actions can affect others. We will be exploring with our children how they can help provide support to others and understand the affect it can have through studying a range of tailor-made stories and poems (E.g. *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig and *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman). Children will spend the week discussing the actions of the characters, their possible emotions and what could have been done differently. There will also be inspiring, thought-provoking assemblies on Tuesday and Thursday, plus a celebration on Friday.

Year 5 have been selected to take part in additional workshops during Thursday 14th November, run by the Big Arts Company. These workshops will help support their understanding of how unkindness can affect others so that they can be ambassadors to the rest of the school during the rest of their time with us and leading into year 6.

We are hoping the children will wear Odd Socks on Tuesday 12th November to acknowledge everyone's differences and are asking for a donation of £2 from year 5 children to go towards funding the workshops and assembly.

As always, we are very grateful for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Annie Knoupe
Headteacher

