



**Whole School Values**

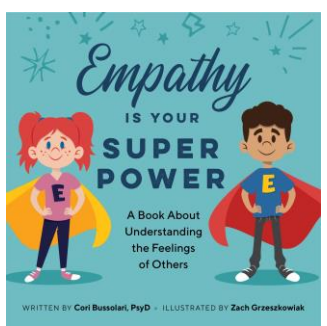
This half term we will be focusing on our school value of **Empathy**. Thinking of how we can help others.



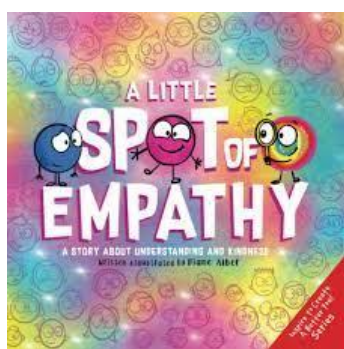
Empathy: I can understand and share feelings and thoughts of others.

Being empathetic is important because it helps us make friends and keep friends by being part of a team or community and understand more about my own and others feelings, thoughts and actions. It helps us get along with other people.

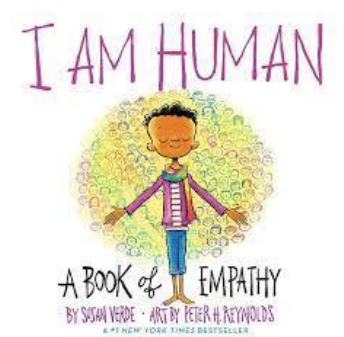
**Stories to share about EMPATHY**



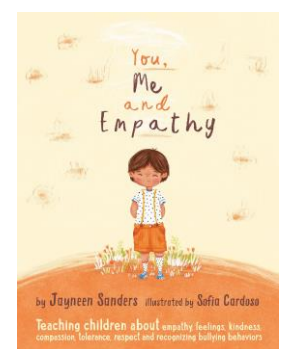
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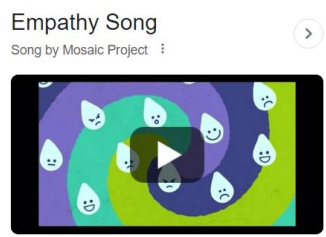


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG4Mq-81qdI>

**Other videos and songs about Empathy**



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_1Rt1R4xbM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_1Rt1R4xbM)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Isn4Hz1kMesm>

## Information about this Half Term

To promote empathy and caring for others we will take part in some events linked with familiar charities. The main thing we want to share with the children is caring and getting involved in helping and supporting others is the most important thing not the money. For this reason, for all the below charity events we ask parents for just a donation if possible and there is no pressure for this.



Thankyou to all your wonderful donations for Harvest Festival for the food bank. The Pupil Voice (School Council) children will be taking all the donations to the foodbank on **Tuesday 26th November**.



**Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12th December** - We will be inviting all children to wear their favourite festive knits with school trousers and skirts and bring in a small donation for the Save the Children Charity.

**Christmas Performances** -We are aware that parents booking multiple days off work at this busy time of year is not easy so the date below will include two tickets of that year group's performance. We want this to be enjoyable for the children but not take over the important learning so their 'performance' will be a short sharing of their learning linked to their topics with plenty of festive cheer. There will be one performance in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please be aware we will allocate two seats per child and you will need to select either the morning or afternoon performance. Booking information will be sent out from the school office nearer the time.

### **Learning about our brains**

At our school we teach and talk with the children lots about their learning and their brains and how their brains work. We have shared about the parts of their brain using the wise owl and the guard dog and refer to these when supporting children.

We have been using executive function games at our school already but will now use characters

related to these to help children understand more about executive function and how their brains help them. What is executive function? Here is a short video from NSPCC to explain it:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5uo\\_Gbi4RA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5uo_Gbi4RA)

**Executive Function Characters:** This half term we will be introducing **PC Brakes**, our first executive function character.

Across the school, we want to work on slowing

**PC Brakes**



"PC Brakes -  
stop, think, re-take!"

*I can stop and think before I act*

children's impulsivity and building up their attention.

PC Brakes helps remind us

- to stop, think and wait or retake.
- to calm our fizzy and busy parts if our engines are running too high.
- to not react with unkind words or unkind hands even if we have big feelings.

**Thanks for your responses to the parent questionnaire. The main consistent thing from the responses was a way of sharing information from school more clearly. We will be asking for your thoughts and ideas on how to improve this soon.**

**A big thankyou for all your Children in Need donations. It was lovely seeing lots of the children dressed up for Pudsey bear. We raised £175.02!!**



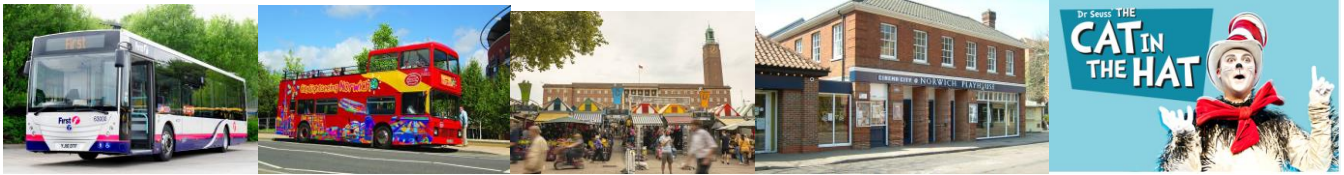
## Autumn 2 Learning Themes

### Little Swallowtails Nursery



This half term as our children continue to learn through seasons about 'what is outside our window' we will be finding out more about bonfire night (we will be making chocolate sparklers), owls, sticks and winter. We will also celebrate world nursery rhyme week for our very own bounce and rhyme session.

### Reception: Salhouse and Filby: Why do we go up the city?



In this topic, the children will be learning about their school and the road it is built on. They will learn about other roads and parts of Hellesdon, taking a walk to Middleton's Lane and the library. The children will learn more about who built Hellesdon before visiting the Norwich Playhouse to see The Cat in the Hat on a coach while we try to spot some famous sights, getting ready for our next topic about Norwich.

### Year One: Ranworth and Wroxham: How did people have fun in boats on the Broads? (DT and History driven)



Year One will be looking at the history of holidays and boating on the Broads. They will find out who started boat building on the Broads in the past and what this looks like today. They will then have a go at designing and creating their own floating boats in DT. This topic builds on the children's learning and experiences of the broads in reception and prepares them for finding out more about how the broads were formed and their How Hill residential in Year 2 .

### Year 2: Barton and Hickling: Saving Lives at Sea? (History and Art driven)



In Year 2, the children will be finding out about the history of life saving and having a visit from the local RNLI. They will be looking at seascape paintings by William Turner, thinking about what is happening in the paintings and how it makes them feel. They will explore watercolours and create their own stormy seascape. This topic consolidates the children's previous learning about Norfolk's coast and seashores and how we can protect our beaches and oceans.

If you think you or a member of your family or a friend could offer any exciting experiences or information that link to any of our classes themes we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office as we are always keen to make, maintain and strengthen links with our families and community. With all children, getting interested in their learning at home always help them connect their learning. You could talk to them about what they have been learning about, go on days out that may link or visit our local library at Hellesdon for books to share about their topic or anything!

### November

Tuesday 12th	Parents Evening (early)	3:30-6 pm
Thursday 14th	Parents Evening (late)	4:30 -7pm
Tuesday 19th	Barton Additional Parents Evening	3:30-6pm
Monday 25th	Reception Height and Weight check	

### December

Friday 6th	YR decoration afternoon	Information will be shared on Tapestry
Monday 9th	Reception Christmas Performance	There will be 2 performances for each year group, one in the morning (9:30am) and one in the afternoon (2:30pm). More details to follow.
Tuesday 10th	Year 1 Christmas Performance	
Wednesday 11th	Year 2 Christmas Performance	
Thursday 12th	Christmas Jumper Day and Empathetic Value Day (2:30pm)	Wear a Christmas jumper and bring a donation Parents invited in from 2:30pm for Empathy Value Day
Thursday 12th	Norwich Puppet Theatre visiting: Sleeping Beauty	For children in school, information sent earlier this week.
Tuesday 17th	Rock Steady Concert (9:30am)	Parents of children who attend rock steady are invited.
Wednesday 18th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties	Ordering information coming soon, Children can bring a change of party clothes for this day.
Thursday 19th	Year 2 Walk to Visit the chapel	
Friday 20th	Last Day of term	

### January 2025

Monday 6th	Inset day- no children in school today.	
Tuesday 7th	Spring Term Begins	

### February

Monday 17th-21st	Half Term	
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### We return to school on Tuesday 7th January

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