

Weekly Word

Care Curiosity Determination



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To all Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to a new term and a new year at Markeaton! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Summer 😊

First and foremost, a special pat on the back for all the new starters in FS2. They have all done remarkably well and during the times I have been in there this week, they have been fab!

Been a week of outdoor learning and craft in some classes as the photos to the left show. One of the big things we will be experimenting with this term is loose parts play. This is where you use natural and synthetic materials/objects to create a piece of art, a functioning machine or just a design full of imagination. Top left is a face – I wonder who it is??

In other news, I would like to bring to your attention the [NSPCC Kindness Challenge](#) – which we will be supporting from 6th oct 2025. It's a little while off yet but during that week the children will be taking part in a number of different activities designed to promote kindness amongst one another. This is something we are already very good at so I am confident it will be a great few days. We will also be dipping into the legendary kindness of the Markeaton Community. It is our intention, hopefully before Autumn Half Term, to organise a Food Share Programme. It's early days yet but in the same way you have donated in abundance foods and tins for Harvest Week, we would need you to do the same for this. Also, if this is something you might be interested in helping us with then let me know. We wouldn't need loads of volunteers but perhaps just a few to help us get up and running. Oh and we might also be asking you to donate any loose parts to add to our growing collection – items might include golf tees, plastic tubes, feathers etc (random I know!). More details to follow on both of these...

Have a lovely weekend

Mr I. Johnson

