

Weekly Word

Care Curiosity Determination



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To all Parents/Carers,

We're already two weeks into the new school year and it feels like we have never been away!

Now that we have decided to stop using X (formerly Twitter) we are currently in the process of deciding which platform to use. Class Dojo seems to be quite a popular one being used by other schools so we will have a good look at that and let you know. That means for the next few weeks or so I won't be able to share any photos from the classroom or outdoors.

What I would like to do instead is give you another reminder about the upcoming [NSPCC Kindness Challenge](#) which we will be taking part in. There will be lots of activities throughout the week but we will also be reaching out to the Markeaton Community in order to help support a number of different initiatives we are looking to explore:

1. Food Share Programme – this idea is very much in its infancy but we are looking into the possibility of being a Food Share Hub for Parents/Carers at Markeaton. To help get this project off the ground we will be asking you to contribute non-perishable food items for us to store, organise and re-distribute to families in need. If this is the type of project you would like to get involved in or know something about then please get in touch. It is a new venture for us so all input/feedback is welcome!
2. Loose Parts Play – one of our four whole school targets for this year is to further enrich outdoor learning experiences across the school community. So we will be asking for you to donate items for our loose parts play collection. More info on this and the exact items we require to follow.

Our other three targets are:

- **To further enhance reading for pleasure opportunities in order to promote a positive whole school reading culture.**
- **To embed opportunities for stretch and challenge across the curriculum**
- **To continue developing fluency and confidence in mental and written calculation methods across all year groups.**

Again, more information, as we have done in previous years, will follow explaining how we hope to meet these targets!

Have a lovely weekend

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