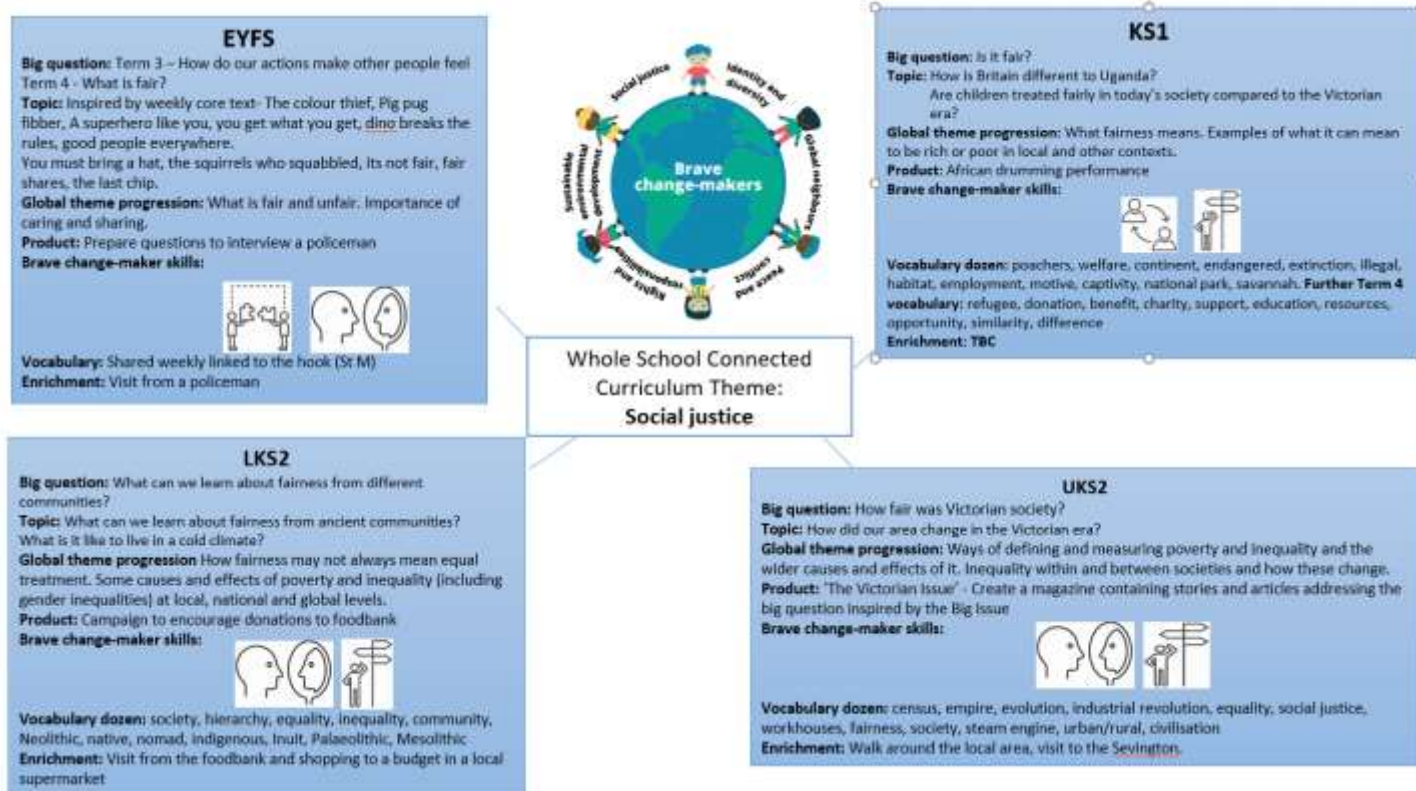


From Mr Chappell Welcome back to 2024! We hope you had a great Christmas break and New Year! We might be only nine days in, but already so much has been crammed into this week and last, with children starting work on their new topics (please see the whole school curriculum map below) and settling back into the routines of school. Last term so many children made strides forwards in so many different ways – academically, emotionally, and socially. Our vision of *'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community'* does not just mean about making progress in the core academic subjects but ensuring that children's whole experience of school is something that they enjoy. Once again can we take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support as it really is the 'Christian Community' element of our school vision and the partnership with us as a school, which enables your children to be Flying High. Have a great weekend.

Connected Curriculum: You should have received your year groups Connected Curriculum Overview via Class Dojo today or earlier. Please find below a whole school overview of what each year group will be covering as part of their Social Justice theme this term so you can see the consistency over the school.



Reminders: Following concerns that were raised in the last parent / carer survey about the standard of uniform, as a school community – we made a huge effort to smarten up children's uniform, ensuring that they were wearing the correct uniform including appropriate shoes. Just before Christmas a number of staff remarked about how some standards seemed to be slipping from the start of the year- please can we ask that you send your child/ren to school wearing the correct uniform expectations. This is one aspect that you control- so please support us in this. It is worth reminding that FOSH have an extensive uniform stock so please let us know if you need any support with uniform and we will help and support you with this.

Thank you! A huge thank you to Parent Rob Keen, who through his work company Avia, was able to spend a day in school before Christmas, with a few other co-workers, to do a number of jobs around school! A huge thank you to all the people who took part in this.



Thank you also to Emma Gordon, a parent in Year 2, who as you know came into school just before Christmas to take some photos to update our website gallery. These are now ready to be added to the website and to be printed for some other areas of school. Please note Emma has a weekend line specialising in family photography and can be contacted direct through her website www.emmagordonphotography.com



We also want to say a huge thank you to all those parents/ carers that give up their time to volunteer to come into school to help, whether it is support with reading, support in the classroom or helping with clubs and our amazing FOSH team that do so much for school! It really is appreciated by all staff members and children!

End of Term 2 Attendance: Can each class improve on this?	
Year R	95.8%
Year 1	96.96%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	97.22%
Year 5	96.03%
Year 6	95.67%
Whole School	96.48%

Anti-Bullying: A reminder that we do not classify an incident/s between children as 'bullying' unless we are following the school's anti-bullying policy, and a clear system is being followed. Not all incidents between children are bullying incidents. We are very open about when incidents occur in communication with all parties but it is important that you as parents/ carers (and also the children) are clear that we do not use the term bullying for isolated incidents, unless we have met together officially to log it as bullying together and are monitoring any potential difficulties following the school policy. Please see the link to the school's anti-bullying policy;

<https://www.sthelensprimary.org.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Anti-Bullying-Policy-.pdf>

It is worth noting that all staff use a secure system to keep a record of any concerns or worries, if some concerns around bullying has been raised by a parent (this would be the first step in the process.) For complete clarity I would like you to contact me before the end of next week, if you feel that there is a concern that you have around bullying or behaviour, so that we can deal with any issues or worries that you may have. Please email the school office as soon as possible to set up a meeting with me if you feel this is something that you would like to talk directly to me about.

Well done to those children who were awarded a Celebration Certificate and Award!

Holly class – Ruby, Arthur, Lauren, Olivia
Beech class – Dom, Bethany, Elle, Georgie
Oak class – Helen, Ozzie, Marley, Scarlett

Ash class – George, Taamiran, Freddie, Oliver
Sycamore class – Cole, Luke, Peaches, Oliver
Elm Class – Frankie, Suzanna, Toby, Holly

