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Dear Parents and Carers,



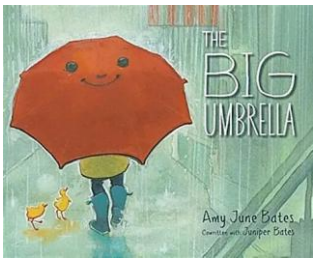
Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week**, and this year's theme is *Break the Silence*. Throughout the week, children will be taking part in a range of activities to help them understand bullying, celebrate our differences and think about how we can make sure everyone feels safe, happy and included at CTS.



We will be starting the week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November!** We would love all the children (and staff!) to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all different and unique. There's no need to buy anything special – just find two socks that don't match!

During the week, children will be taking part in age-appropriate lessons exploring what bullying is, how it is different from falling out or being unkind, and what to do if they experience or witness bullying. We will be talking about the importance of speaking up, looking out for one another and knowing that there are always trusted adults who will listen and help.

We will also be building on our recent work about **fairness and equality**, helping children to understand that everyone has different needs and that treating people fairly doesn't always mean treating everyone in exactly the same way. This is an important part of helping children understand and respect the differences between us.



Our whole school project will be inspired by the picture book *The Big Umbrella*. The story is about an umbrella that always has room for one more, no matter who they are. Each phase will be contributing to a new entrance display called **'Everyone Belongs Under Our Umbrella'**.

Our youngest children will be creating colourful raindrops and hearts, thinking about kindness and welcoming others. Children in KS1 will be making speech bubbles showing the things we can say to help others feel included, while KS2 will be creating portraits of children standing together under the umbrella, celebrating our differences and reminding us that everyone belongs.

We hope that the week will encourage lots of conversations, both at school and at home, about friendship, kindness, respect and the importance of speaking up when something isn't right. Above all, we want every child at CTS to know that they matter, that they belong and that they should never feel they have to deal with bullying on their own.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We look forward to sharing our finished entrance display with you!

Best wishes,

Mel Nugent
Headteacher