



Friday 12th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school we are conscious that we have not been, 'Altogether' for some time and that this may well continue for some time yet. In an aim to keep our Roebuck Academy family altogether, we shall be continuing with our weekly Mindset focus by launching another book this week.

Each week, between now and the end of the summer term, we have decided that the whole school will focus upon a chosen book of the week. This includes children in school, as well as those at home. The books have been carefully selected to support staff and families with their well-being, mindset and mental-health during this unprecedented time. Each week we will provide a video recording of the chosen book being read, as well as some resources to use at home and in school. Not only will this unite us all together, but it will also address our well-being and growth mindset.

Only One You:

This week we have selected, 'Only One You.' Can we ask that you listen to the story with your child, and discuss the questions provided below. It is a lovely book that helps to create a sense of community and inclusiveness with our children across the school. There are many themes and messages within the book which you may choose to discuss and explore together. The book, along with questions, should help and encourage children to reflect on what it is that makes them unique and to consider how we can support each other by offering our own advice and support. Ask children, if you can, to reflect on the advice given in the book and to provide examples from their own lives.

We have also requested that each of you make an, 'Only One You' stone fish, if you are able to, so that we can create our very own, 'River of Dreams,' here at the school.

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Questions you may choose to ask:

How can we make the world a better place?

What is beautiful about you?

What is beautiful about your family members / each other?

What is beautiful in the world around you?

How can we promote and encourage an inclusive community?

The children could then use a template of a magnifying glass and draw something inside that they find beautiful. (Please see template below). Please post these on the children's blogs, Facebook or our Twitter feed.

Reminder for Stone Fish project:

What will you need to do?

- Collect (or buy) some rocks - you may want to clean if collected.
- Decorate your rocks using the following: paint with pva glue, acrylic, glass paints etc Please make sure your designs are as funky and as colourful as possible but that they are in the design of a fish. (Where possible, we would like contributions from **ALL** family members!)
- We will advertise a time when you can come and place your rocks safely onto the school site.
- Deadline for rock art to be completed **Friday 19th June.**
- Children can alternatively bring rock art into school with them if attending.

Examples that may inspire:



We hope that our projects will support you at home and will go some way in uniting our school.

Please stay safe and healthy during these unprecedented times, our Roebuck Academy family will be together again soon! Keep up the good work whether you are at work, school or home!

Keep Shining!

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