

10th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Languages Week and Refugee Week
Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June 2024**

Next week, Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June, we will be having a focus on Languages week and Refugee week across the school.

The national theme for Refugee Week this year is 'Our Home', and offers a chance to think about the things which make us all feel 'at home', wherever we are. This links so well with the diversity of our school with close to 30 different languages being spoken, that we have decided to link the two weeks as we have done sometimes in the past.

Throughout the week, children will have opportunities in class and in assembly times to share their connections with other countries and languages and to learn some words, phrases or songs in different languages. Some children may like to take the opportunity to teach their classmates some simple words or phrases in a language they speak. We will also share the books 'Lubna and Pebble' and 'Counting Kindness – ten ways to welcome Refugee children' together.

Additionally, we would like to invite any parents or carers who wish to share a short story or picture book in a home language (10 minutes maximum, please) to come into school and read a story to their child's class at 3.05pm on a convenient day. If you would like to be involved, please contact your child's class teacher in order to arrange a suitable day.

We have a wonderfully rich school community and we welcome this chance to celebrate our home languages and cultures.

Kind regards

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