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Dear Parents and Carers,

Each half term, each class is given two PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) inspired books to read in class. The children listen to the story, then think about all of the concepts to do with PSHE which the book relates to. They turn these concepts into philosophical questions and they then discuss the possible answers to these questions.

The children are encouraged to use their skills to define and refine questions, find meanings, justify their ideas and explain what they mean. They learn to speak with confidence, they learn to listen well to each other and they learn to build on the thoughts and ideas of each other to create a meaningful dialogue. They find polite ways to say that they agree and disagree with each other's points of view and they practise finding examples and evidence to describe and clarify their thoughts and opinions – all at a level appropriate to their age.

This activity aims to build communities of enquiry where children develop their creative, critical, caring and collaborative thinking skills.

Caring	Collaborative				
Listening, concentrating, valuing and appreciating	Responding, communicating, supporting and				
e.g. showing interest in, and sensitivity to, others'	conciliating e.g. building on each other's ideas,				
experiences and values.	shaping common understandings and purposes.				
Critical	Creative				
Questioning, interrogating, reasoning and	Connecting, relating, suggesting and speculating				
evaluating e.g. seeking meaning, evidence,	e.g. providing comparisons, examples, criteria,				
reasons, distinctions and good judgements.	alternative explanations or conceptions.				

Parents are given information about these books so that, if they wish, they can read the contents of the books themselves and talk to their children about the books at home.

These are the books being used, in Year 2 for PSHE Read Aloud, this academic year:

Book and Author	Themes to be explored					
Ada Twist,	This book promotes the importance of asking 'why?', being curious and having					
Scientist	perseverance.					
by Andrea Beaty						
Africa, Amazing	In Summer 2, this book is used during the children's inspiration day at the start of the term to					
Africa, Country	introduce them to the continent of Africa in more detail.					
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Charlie's	This story of Charlie the dog, who is looking for an owner, teaches children that sometimes					
Checklist	we do not appreciate what we already have. Talk to your child about appreciating the					
by Rory S. Lerman	everyday things in life and also the people in our lives.					
Families,	Using a whole host of animal families as illustrations, this story celebrates the love that					
Families,	families have for each other and shows that it is okay if our families are sometimes different					
Families!	from each other's.					
by Suzanne Lang						
Golden Domes	This book teaches children about features of the Islamic faith through colours.					
and Silver						
Lanterns						
by Hena Khan						
Goldilocks and	A story set in a time when Goldilocks is living happily ever after and gets visited by Little					
Just the One Bear	Bear. They are able to put themselves in each other's' places and make amends.					
by Leigh						











Hodgkinson	
I Am Human by Susan Verde	I Am Human introduces the children to the concepts of empathy and compassion. It shows that it is okay to make mistakes while also emphasizing the power of good choices by offering a kind word or smile or by saying "I'm sorry."
I Look Up to Michelle Obama by Anna Membrino	The children learn about Michelle Obama and explore why she is a role model to so many people. They think about their own values and beliefs and how they put these into practice.
No Means No! by Jayneen Sanders	'No Means No!' is a children's picture book about an empowered little girl who has a very strong and clear voice in all issues, especially those relating to her body and personal boundaries and is a springboard for discussions regarding children's choices and their rights. It is crucial that our children, from a very young age, are taught to have a clear, strong voice in regards to their rights - especially about their bodies. In this way, they will have the confidence to speak up when they are unhappy or feel uncomfortable in any situation.
Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French	In Spring 2, during their inspiration day, the children are told a story about Oliver who is reluctant to eat his vegetables and only wants to eat chips. Whilst staying with grandpa, he is challenged to try some new food and discovers that he actually likes the vegetables he is eating. An opportunity to talk about eating a balanced diet, trusting family members and trying something new.
Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival	Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad. This book facilitates a discussion about childhood worries and anxieties and the importance of talking about them, no matter how big or small they may be.
Sick Simon by Dan Krall	This book explores the reason why it is important to have good personal hygiene in order to help protect others from illness. Sick Simon learns how to be health-conscious during cold and flu season when he has a cold and sneezes everywhere, and coughs on everyone, and touches everything. Germs call him a hero whilst everyone else calls himSick Simon. Talk to your child about the importance of washing hands and sneezing into a tissue.
Something Else by Kathryn Cave	A story about a small creature who does his best to join in with the others, but he's different. No matter how he tries, he just doesn't belong. Then Something Else turns up and wants to be friends. But the creature isn't sure about him at all This book helps children learn about respecting people's differences and learn how to make friends.
The Golden Rule by llene Cooper	This book is about a grandfather explaining the concept of 'The Golden Rule' to his grandson. An opportunity to talk about the values that people have in common.
The Swirling Hijaab by Na'ima bint Robert and Nilesh Mistr	A book exploring the feelings a Muslim girl has for her Hijaab, an opportunity to talk about the reason why some people choose to wear a headscarf.
Unfortunately by Alan Durant	During Autumn 1's inspiration day, the children read this story of two children on an adventure in the jungle. An opportunity to explore how, in life, there are good and bad things that can happen and the importance of sharing our experiences with others.

If you would like any further information or would like to discuss these books in more detail, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Kind regards, Mrs Marie Hardie Deputy Head Teacher

PSHE Read Aloud Books: Year 2

Term	Autumn 1		Autu	mn 2	Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
Theme		· ·		Celebrating Dreams and Goals		and Goals	Healthy Me		Relationships		Changing Me	
Belgium	Charlie's Checklist by Rory S. Lerman	I Look Up to Michelle Obama by Anna Membrino	Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival	Something Else by Kathryn Cave	Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson	Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty	No Means No! by Jayneen Sanders	Sick Simon by Dan Krall	The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper	Families, Families, Families! by Suzanne Lang	Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns by Hena Khan	I Am Human by Susan Verde
Italy	No Means No! by Jayneen Sanders	Something Else by Kathryn Cave	I Look Up to Michelle Obama by Anna Membrino	I Am Human by Susan Verde	Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty	Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson	Sick Simon by Dan Krall	Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival	Families, Families! by Suzanne Lang	The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper	Charlie's Checklist by Rory S. Lerman	Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns by Hena Khan
Poland	Something Else by Kathryn Cave	Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty	Families, Families, Families! by Suzanne Lang	I Look Up to Michelle Obama by Anna Membrino	Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival	I Am Human by Susan Verde	Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns by Hena Khan	Sick Simon by Dan Krall	No Means No! by Jayneen Sanders	Charlie's Checklist by Rory S. Lerman	Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson	The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper
Spain	Sick Simon by Dan Krall	Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival	Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty	Families, Families, Families! by Suzanne Lang	I Look Up to Michelle Obama by Anna Membrino	The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper	Charlie's Checklist by Rory S. Lerman	No Means No! by Jayneen Sanders	Something Else by Kathryn Cave	Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns by Hena Khan	I Am Human by Susan Verde	Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson

Philosophy for Children Inspiration Days:

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Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1					
Unfortunately by Alan Durant	Natwest video 'We are what we do'	The Swirling Hijaab by Na'ima bint Robert and Nilesh Mistr					
Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2					
Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French	Postcards	Africa, Amazing Africa, Country by Country by Atinuke					