



# Collective Worship

Thursday 2nd May 2024



*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart*”, Colossians 3:23



# Call to worship



We light the three candles in the name of:

God the Father whose promises are true, God the Son who trusted his Father's promises and God the Holy Spirit who gives us faith to **trust** God today.

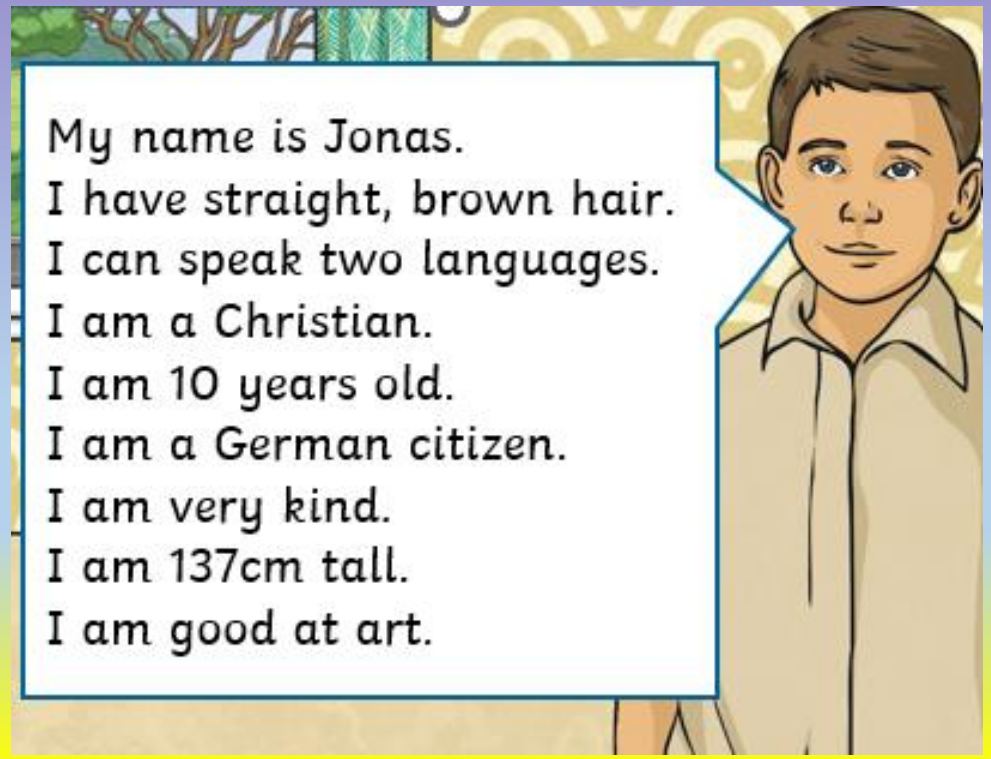


All people are unique.

We all have characteristics, but what are they?

Each person has a unique set of characteristics that make them different from everyone else.



We have talked about protected characteristics before.

We all have them.

What are protected characteristics?

Protected characteristics are characteristics that are protected by a law called the Equality Act.

The Equality Act came into force in 2010 to protect everyone from discrimination and to help society be equal and fair for all.

The Equality Act says that people must not be discriminated against or treated unfairly because they have these characteristics.

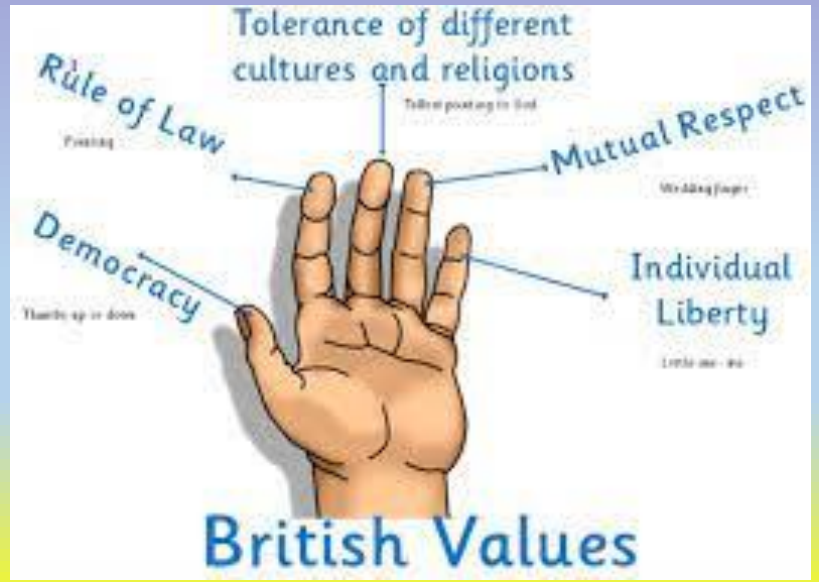
What are the protected characteristics?
There are nine protected characteristics. These include:

Age
Disability
Race
Religion or belief
Gender

The Equality Act 2010 makes it illegal to discriminate against people in any way on the basis of any of these characteristics.

This aims to promote fairness and equality and protect everyone in Britain from discrimination, harassment and victimisation.

Discussion: which of are five British Values does this link to?





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a boy or a girl?

What is a stereotype?



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Today, we are focusing on gender. Gender is whether you were born a boy or a girl. Your gender is assigned to you when you are born.

What is it like being a boy or a girl in school?

Do you get treated differently?

Are there different rules for boys and for girls?

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# What is a stereotype?

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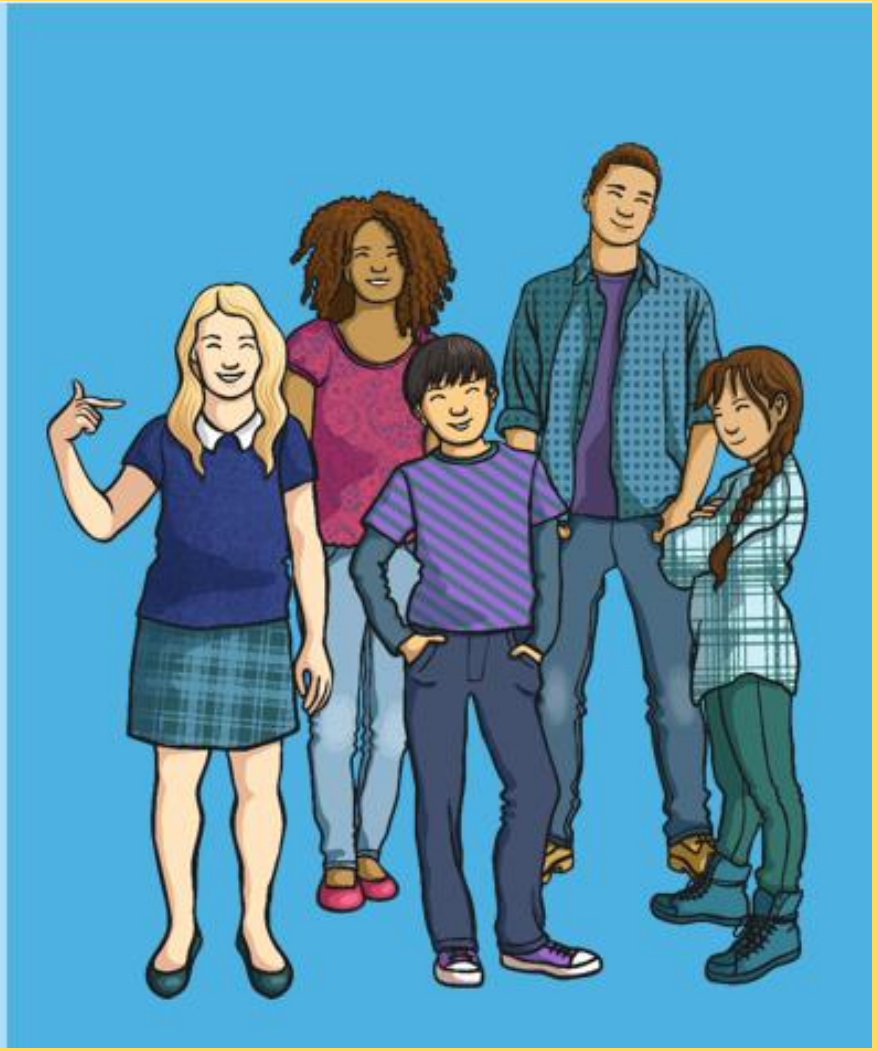



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# Exploring stereotypes…

- What does a builder look like?
- What does a nurse look like?
- What does a spy look like?
- What does someone who has a learning difficulty look like?



# Builder



# Nurse



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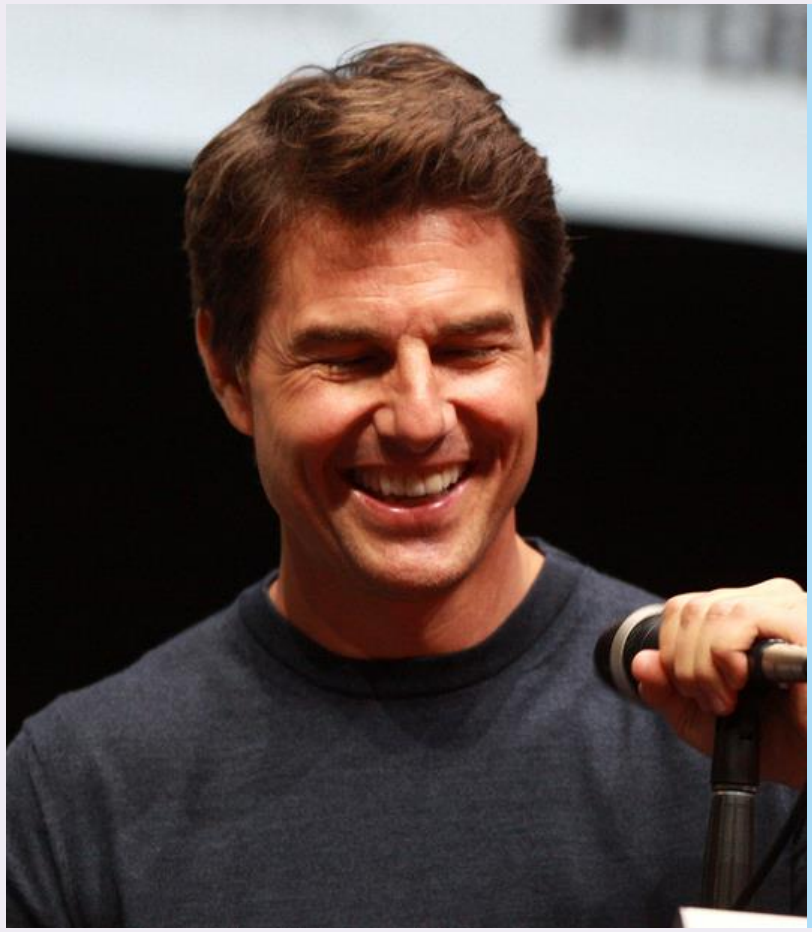
# Spy

Before she was a famous chef and TV personality, Julia Child was a top secret researcher for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), known today as the CIA. She was too tall to enlist in the Women's Army Corps during Second World War, so joined the spy network created by President Franklin Roosevelt.



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# Learning Difficulty



Tom Cruise is one of the most recognised faces in Hollywood but he is also dyslexic.

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Look at these statements.
Can you tell which ones are about boys and which ones are about girls?

I love playing football.

I love to play with toy cars and trains.

I wear jeans and trainers all the time.

My favourite colour is pink.

I am growing my hair long.

My bed is full of teddies and cuddly toys.

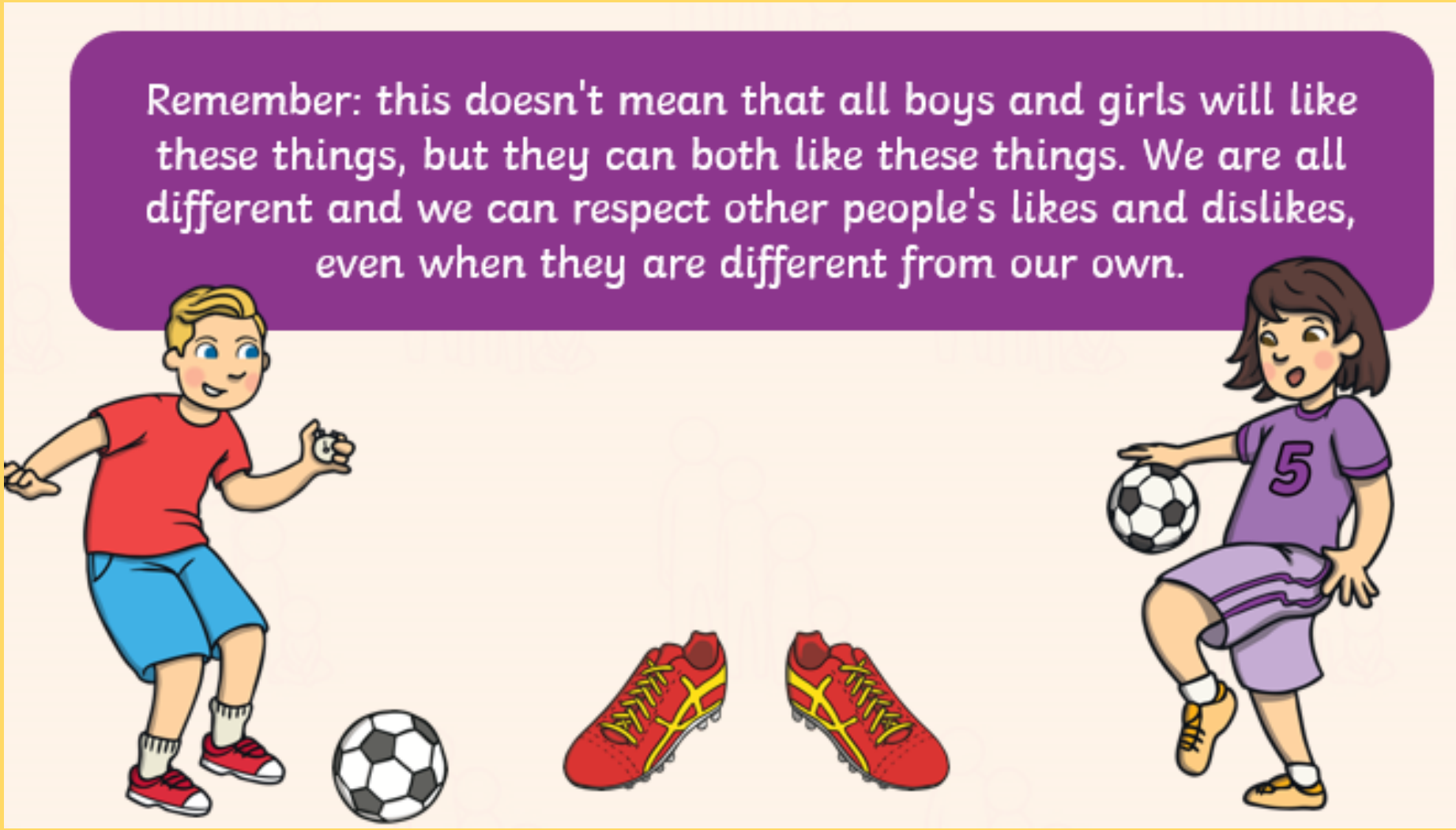
I enjoy dressing up.

I had a monster birthday cake.

I love making paper aeroplanes.

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# Remember…



What does the word **stereotype** mean?
A stereotype is an idea or a view held by lots of people about a particular person or group of people.

The idea or view that one person has about another person may not be true. They might have just heard other people say it, so they believe it too.

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# Remember…

Stereotypes that people have can be based on the way people look, where they come from, the way they speak, the clothes they wear or their gender (whether they are a girl or a boy).



# Time to Reflect

Think carefully about how you treat people around you.

We should not be judging and having prejudices about people based on stereotypes, but need to get to know people properly.

We must accept that we are all different and celebrate these differences.

# Our Prayer

Dear God,
We thank you for uniquely creating each one of us.
Help us to be champions of the world you're making.
Help us to accept everyone, as you accept us and invite us into your love and care.
Help us to act with courage and conviction, embracing all opportunities for diversity and understanding.

Amen.









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