

# MAPLE CROSS NEWS

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## LEARNING TALK – DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP

Last week in assembly, our School Parliament were awarded their School Parliament badges. They wear these badges daily, with pride, as they lead a number of aspects across school. They shared updates from their recent trip to The Palace of Westminster and the role democracy plays within our society. They are also developing projects with each class focusing on the environment and how they can reduce the amount of single use plastic they use.

This week in assembly, I shared with the children a woman I see as an aspirational leader. Michelle Obama is an example of someone who has led from the sideline rather than having a specific job in power. We explored the leadership skill of being proactive. At home have a discussion about what this means and how you can encourage your child to be proactive.

### PE KIT

Please make sure PE kits are in school everyday as PE days can vary. We have some PE t-shirt left in stock or they can be ordered directly Price Buckland.

All children are required to have a logo'd PE t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.

### STAYING SAFE ONLINE

There have been a number of occasions where children in different classes are having difficulty online. Please ensure you monitor your child's app and online usage.

There is more information on the additional pages.

### TALK

In conjunction with The Reach Free School, we invite all parents to an evening sharing support about talking to your child.

Please join us on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30pm  
at The Reach Free.

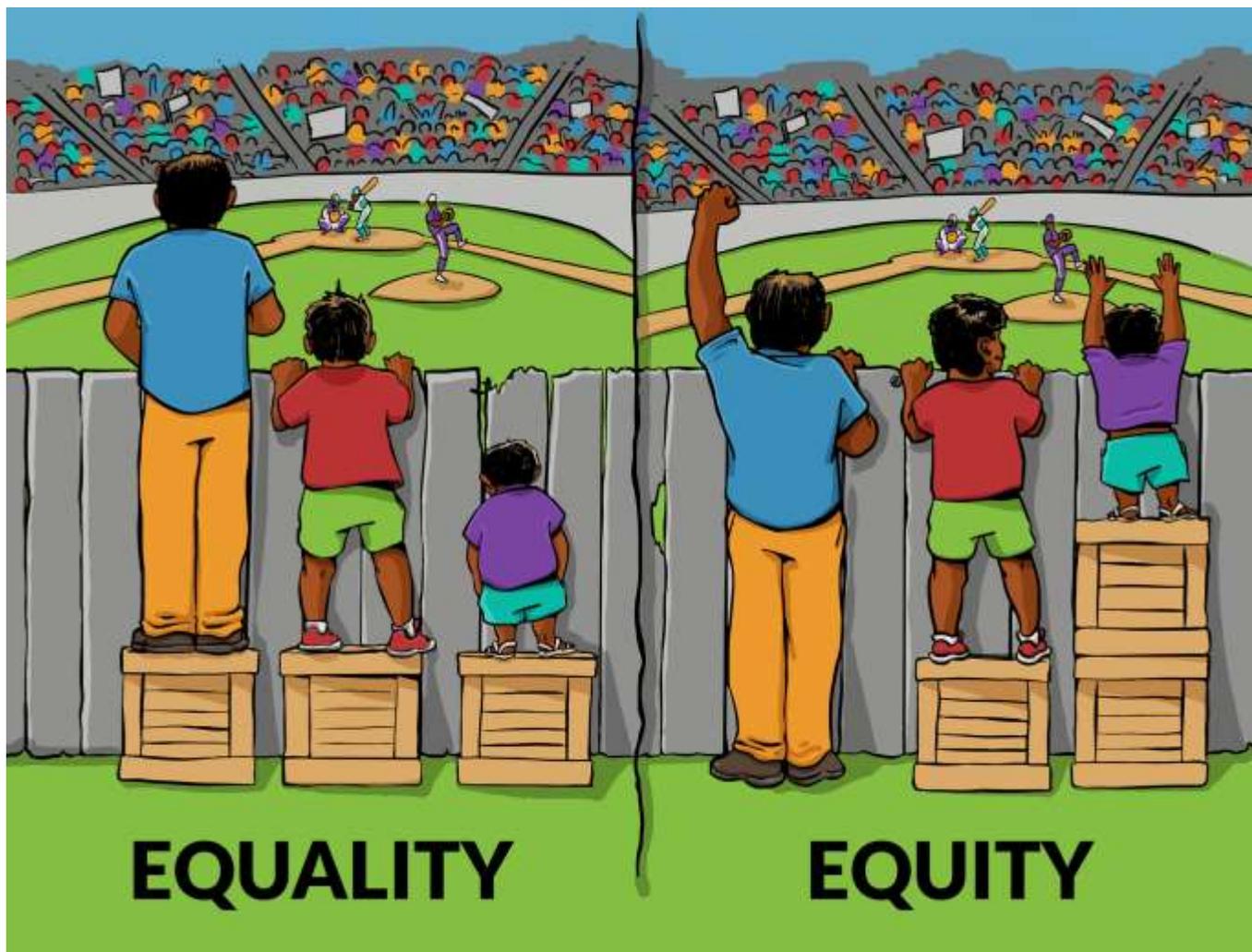
## SPELLINGS

As a whole school, we have reviewed our teaching of spellings and made some tweaks. All staff have undertaken training and we have adopted a new planning structure. In addition to daily reading and writing lessons, children in Key Stage 1 & 2 will have a taught spelling session at the beginning of the week, daily catch-up and a test at the end of the week.

As well as learning to spell a group of words, children will be learning spelling rules and how to apply the rule beyond the tested word. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

### STEPS BEHAVIOR APPROACH

THIS WEEK, THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EQUITY AND EQUALITY. THE IMAGE ON THE NEXT PAGE IS A PICTORIAL DESCRIPTION OF WHY DIFFERENT APPROACHES ARE NEEDED FOR DIFFERENT CHILDREN. ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY DISCUSSED IN CLASS.



## NURSERY ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

When to apply – from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Deadline – by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 9:00am

Full details, including our nursery admission policy which should be read before you apply, are available from our website.