The Character Curriculum

Flourishing for Life



Ohana Means Family

Aim:

To think about what it means to 'be family' to each other.

Preparation and Materials:

Picture (or toy) from Lilo and Stitch.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLd40ddnN7c [accessed 01.07.2020].

Assembly:

Entry music: We Are Family, Sister Sledge.

- 1. Show children a poster, toys or image from the Disney film 'Lilo and Stitch'. Ask them if they are familiar with it? What happens in the film? Who are the main characters? Where is it set? You might want to find Hawaii on a map or globe.
- In the film, they use a word from the Hawaiian language (Ohana) ask children to listen out for it in this clip: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLd40ddnN7c</u> [accessed 01.07.2020]. Did they catch what Ohana means? (Ohana means family and family means that no-one gets left behind or forgotten).
- 3. Ask children what they think about when they hear the word 'family'. Who do they think about?
- 4. Ohana doesn't just refer to our immediate family (the people we live with), it refers to our extended family and our chosen family which may include friends, neighbours and classmates. Ohana refers to the people in our lives that we care about and look out for. Ask children to think silently about who might be in their 'ohana'.
- 5. Our school is like a big, extended family. We spend a lot of time together each day, and it is important that no-one is left behind or forgotten. How do we show that we care about each of the different people in our school? What virtues do we need to show?
- 6. What might it look like or feel like to be left behind or forgotten at school? How can we make sure that in our school family, no-one gets left behind or forgotten?

Reflection:

Ask children to think about their own family (immediate or chosen) and to think about 1 thing that they are thankful for, for each member.

Challenge:

Watch out this week for anyone that might feel forgotten or left out. Tell them why they are an important part of your class/school.