THANKFULNESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value THANKFULNESS. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT THANKFULNESS TOGETHER...

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be **thankful** and not take things for granted.

As a family you may like to talk about

- Remembering to let other people know when you are **thankful**
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitiude
- How it feels when someone **thanks** *you*!

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.
Have you used one to say **thank** you?"
Anon

READ TOGETHER...

The Man Who Came Back

Jesus was travelling along the dusty roads towards Jerusalem. At each village he was welcomed by people, happy to see him and listen to his teaching. But today, as he entered the village he saw in the distance a small group standing apart from the crowd. They were calling out, "Jesus, Master, help us, please make us well." These poor people had a disease called leprosy. They were terribly ill and no-one in the village wanted to go near them.

But Jesus didn't ignore them. He stood among them and prayed for them. As each of them went on his way they began to notice that their whole bodies were healing up. They were so excited that they immediately rushed off to share their good news. Well, nine of them did. The tenth turned and fell on his knees in front of Jesus and **thanked** him for what he had done.

"I healed ten people with leprosy today", said Jesus to the man. "Where are the others?". But then he smiled "Well at least you came back to say **thank** you!".

Bible story based on Luke 17:11-19

QUIZ

Jumbled Words

Unjumble the words (that are known as anagrams), to discover words from the story.

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FASCINATING FACTS

Have you ever thought about how many people we have to **thank** for some of the everyday things that we take for granted? For example the milk we drink.

Thank you Mum & Dad for buying the milk ,

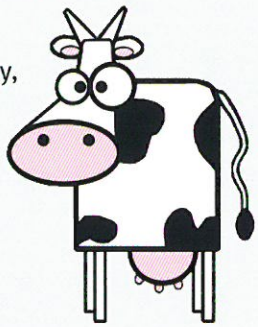
Thank you supermarket workers for stacking the shelves and operating the cash tills,

Thank you lorry driver for bringing cartons of milk to the supermarket,

Thank you workers in the packaging factory,

Thank you milk tanker driver for collecting the milk from the farms and bringing it to the factory,

Thank you farmers for milking the cows.

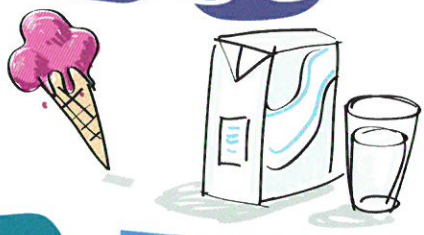


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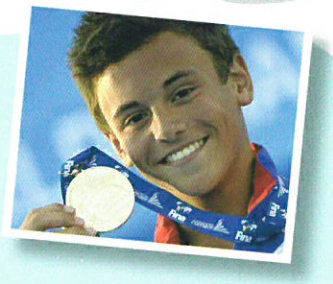
Thank you chain

Think about how an everyday item reaches you: Where does it come from? Who was involved in making it? Who should you **thank**?

Make a **thank** you chain and bring it to school to hang in the Challenge Gallery.



HALL OF FAME



Tom Daley

Tom has become very well known as an expert diver. While still at school he won medals at swimming events across the world.

Happy times - Tom learned to swim when he was 3 years old and to dive when he was 7. Tom's parents soon realised that their son had a great gift as a diver and they did all they could to help him develop his talent.

Difficult times - For many years, Tom's father coached him, but sadly he became very sick and died when Tom was just 17.

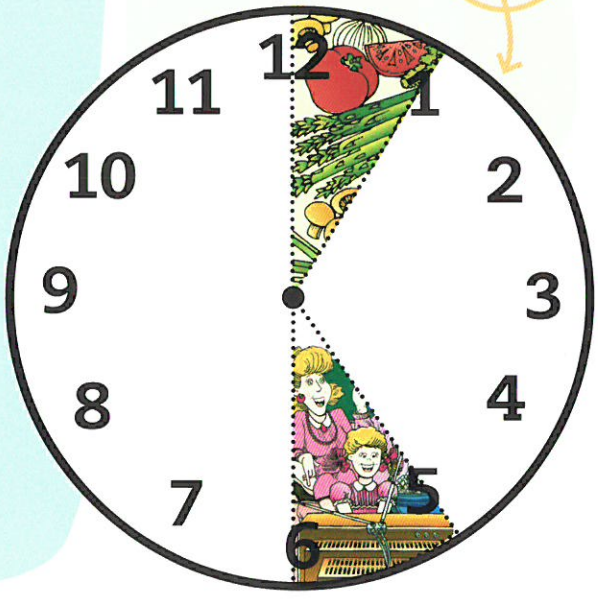
Painful times - Like many athletes, Tom has also had to cope with great sadness in his life as well as some serious sports injuries.

Thankful times – Tom has been BBC Young Personality of the Year on three occasions. He loves his sport and is full of **thanks** for the people who have helped him to become a first class athlete.

FAMILY FOCUS

Time to say "Thank you"

Draw a clock face for your family to fill in together.
Choose one day and ask every one to think, as the hours tick by, about one thing in each hour that they would like to say **thank** you for.
Draw a picture of what you are **thankful** for in each segment.



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