



### Activities at Home

Project: **‘Celebrations’**

Dear Parents,

The activity for week:

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beginning: 20<sup>th</sup> September

Is: **‘Magical Me’**

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The activity we will be covering involves:

- Considering aspects of ourselves that we like
- Comparing our own physical attributes to those of our peers and understanding that we are all different and all special in our own way
- Creating a simple self-portrait using a variety of different materials

Our activity includes:

- Go through Powerpoint ‘We Are All Different: What Makes You Special’. This powerpoint has several key discussion points to help illustrate the idea of our own physical attributes being different to our friends, giving children the opportunity to really explore this. While the teacher will be guiding the discussion, the intent is that children will be empowered to discuss the content as freely as possible and take a lead role in the conversation, sharing things from familiar people from their home and community as well as friends in their school
- The children will be challenged to think about something about themselves that they really like, or think that they are really good at.
- The children will be invited to create their own simple self-portrait on a paper plate, using a range of different materials. Mirrors will be made available to the children on the table, inviting them to look at their own reflections, noticing

**and commenting on detailed features and considering how to emulate these onto their self portraits**

**Additional activities to be made available to the children during free flow**

- **Mirrors to become a permanent feature of the art area so that children have opportunities to explore their own faces during free-flow and create their own self-portraits**
- **Use of the Katie series of books to explore different styles of art and especially self portraits**
- **Class surveys of eye/hair colours to reinforce diversity within our class and that we are all different and all special**
- **Ink pads to encourage children to explore the idea of fingerprints, comparing their fingerprints to those of their teachers**
- **Class height chart**

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**You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.**

**Our suggested activities are:**

- **Have a look at the book *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers. There is a double page of illustrations in this book dedicated to representing the diversity of human life on Earth, representing people of different sizes, colours, dress, disability etc. Children are absolutely enthralled by this page and spend hours looking over each person represented! It is such a fantastic way to model how to respectfully discuss differences between people, reinforcing the idea of everyone being different.**
- **Get your child to consider the things that make them special, the things that they like about themselves and the things that they think that they are good at. Celebrate this with your child!**