

# Our Value in June is **Tolerance**



- **Acceptance of oneself and others whilst recognising that we are all different**
- **Being understanding and open minded**

**At school** we will think through some potentially challenging situations which could lead to quick and hostile reactions. We will discuss the need to avoid these situations by adopting a calm and reflective approach respecting other peoples' opinions and their differences. The message that we should try to live in peace and harmony, appreciating that we are all unique human beings and will therefore differ in many, many ways, will be the basis of our Assemblies. The story of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery bus incident and the lives of Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela will feature strongly this month. We will also consider a time, only 100 years ago when women suffered intolerance and were not allowed to vote. We will help the children realise that intolerance is often due to fear of the unknown and therefore it is important that they are curious and want to learn about others apart from themselves.

## **Thought for the month:**

'I disagree with what you say but I defend your right to say it.'

**At home** as a family you should avoid instant reactions to difficult situations and instead count to ten and think things through from everyone's points of view. Make a list of things you have strong, but maybe differing opinions about (eg spiders or marmite), and have a debate about them allowing everyone to state their views and listen to others.

