

Manor Field Junior School
Planning Overview
What makes me special?
I am responsible for my own future.

Year Group:	Academic Year:	Term:	Weeks:
3	2026/2027	Autumn 1	8

Central Idea:

I am responsible for my own future.

Rationale:

Using the storybook 'Can I Build Another Me?', the children will develop self-awareness about the skills and interests they have. After thinking about themselves, the children will write a fact file about themselves for their new Year 3 teacher.

Through the story, 'Journey' the main character demonstrates particular values: Respect, Integrity, Strive and Empower; children will recognise these strengths and understand how they enable the girl to fulfil her dream. Through her determination to succeed, she shows that barriers and stereotypes can be broken - the children will be able to recognise their own barriers and work towards breaking them down.

Hook: What makes me special?

The children will design and create a superhero mask to reflect what is special about them. Children discuss why they made certain choices for their mask and how these choices represent them. Display masks across the classroom anonymously and suggest what the mask says about the wearer. Do we know everything about a person from their appearance or a first impression?

Take photos of each child in their mask to use for them to write about how the mask reflects them.

MF Attribute: Motivated	Article from the UNCRC: Article 12 - Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.	SMSC focus: Social
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Enrichment opportunity: Geography fieldtrip to Brighton Hill shops.

Home Learning:

Children will create and decorate a dream jar and fill it with aspirations they have for their future. This might include aspirations for this school year, for their time at MFJS or aspirations they hold for their adult life

OUTCOME: Children create their own inspirational quotes for their printed cushion covers by reflecting upon what it means to them and why. Their quote will be added to the cushion that they make in DT.