

16.01.2023 Whole School Assembly: Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Liberty

Liberty



As the children entered assembly, they were asked to see if they could remember the 5 British Values and what they mean. Today's focus was on liberty and the children were given time to discuss where they had heard it before and what they thought it meant. We agreed that Liberty is the same as freedom. When you are free, other people cannot make you do things you don't want to do, or keep you from doing things you want to do.

We focused on Liberty because today is Martin Luther King Jr. Day in America. A Minister born in 1929 in Atlanta, USA. He stood for: freedom, fairness, injustice, the rights of minorities and peaceful change. We discussed his impact and the meaning of these words. We then listened to a recording of a woman recalling her memories of how, as a girl, she was taken by her father in 1963 to Washington to hear Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech which called for the liberty of all Americans. I finished by asking the children to:

'Think about the message of Dr Martin Luther King.
Do you try to treat everyone fairly?
How can you make life better for someone today?'