

# 27.11.2023 Whole School Assembly

## The Protected Characteristics: Disability

As the children entered assembly, they were asked to think about disability as a protected characteristic and how it was linked to the British Values of Respect and Rule of Law. We returned to this question at the end.



### Disability.

What is it?

It can be a physical or a mental condition.

A person with a disability can be limited in terms of their movement, senses or activities.

Think of it as Different Ability.

It's important to respect people who might have a harder time doing certain things, like trouble walking or seeing. But some disability we can't see.



We discussed each of the above famous people and their disability. Two of them have visited our school! Some disability is visible, such as Ayaz Bhuta's Roberts Syndrome which means he uses a wheelchair. He also uses it to win Paralympic Gold Medals! But some disability is non-visible, such as Simone Biles who has ADHD, a neurodiverse condition which hasn't held her back but helped make



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her the champion she is! Non-visible teaches us how we should never judge, but take time to understand different abilities.

We finished by watching Theo's story, a primary school child with a visual impairment who helped us understand what living with different ability is like and what he wants from people around him. A really thought provoking video. If you would like to see it, you can find it here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/visual-impairment-theos-story/zkhsbdm>