



We Are All Equal

# What is equality?

- Equality is one of our school values.
- It means that everyone should be treated the same regardless of the colour of their skin, what they look like or where they are from.
- It is important everyone is treated the same by everyone in our community.



# What has happened around the world recently?

- You might have heard in the news that there have been lots of protests recently.
- Protests are when a group of people walk, hold signs and sing songs about things that are important to them and ask for change.
- At the moment, there are lots of protests about equality and how everyone should be treated equally.
- The protests have been started by a group of people called 'Black Lives Matter' and they have been taking place all around the world.



# Have you heard about protests in Bristol?

- There have been protests in Bristol recently and the pulling down of the statue of Edward Colston in the city centre.
- Do you know who Edward Colston was and why protesters pulled down his statue?
- He was a Bristol merchant, born in 1636, who made his wealth and fortune by trading slaves. His company transported African men, women and children to the Caribbean and the Americas and sold them to be slaves. Many thousands died on the journey.



# Do you know how Bristol made its fame and wealth?

- Bristol's fame and wealth was built on the money which was made from the slave trade and one of its most famous slave traders was Edward Colston!

How do you feel about this?



- On his death in 1721, Colston left all his money to charities in Bristol and in memory of this, Bristol named streets, memorials, schools and buildings after him.

Do you think this was the right thing to do? Discuss with an adult.

- His statue stood on Colston Avenue with no mention of his past or his connection with the slave trade.

Why do you think protesters recently pulled it down?

# Black Lives Matter protest in Bristol

- The police, council and community leaders have pledged to bring about changes in Bristol as a result of the Black Lives Matter protest and the pulling down of the statue of Colston.
- Colston Hall has already taken down its name from outside the building.
- Stained glass windows dedicated to Colston have been removed from Bristol Cathedral.
- His name has also been removed from Colston Tower in the city centre.

Do you think this is enough? What else would you recommend?



Take a minute to look at the pictures from the protests. How do you think these people are feeling and why do you think they are doing what they are doing?



# What can we do to help promote equality in our community?

- With a grown up can you mind map any ideas of how we can make sure we are showing equality every day, both in school, our community and the world?
- Or you might like to make a poster to remind people that everyone should be treated the same.

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