

Year 3 and 4: Relationships

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Family	A specific group of people that may be made up of partners, children, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents.
Single parent	A person bringing up a child or children without a partner.
Same sex parents	Both parents of the same sex raising children e.g. 2 women or 2 men.
Stepparents	A parent who is married to a child's mother or father and not a biological parent.
Blended family	At least one parent has children that are not biologically or adoptive related to the other spouse or partner. Either parent, or all, may have children from previous relationships.
Foster	People who officially take a child into their family for a period of time whose parents can't look after them.
Adoptive	People who have welcomed a child born to another into their family and legally adopted that child as their own.
Respect	Acting in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being.
Stereotype	An assumption about what someone will be like (e.g. their personal qualities or attributes) based on a group they belong to.
Stability	The state of being stable. Stable- not likely to give way or overturn; firmly fixed.

What are families like?



What I will learn by the end of this topic:

- How families differ from each other (including that not every family has the same family structure, e.g. single parents, same sex parents, stepparents, blended families, foster and adoptive parents).
- How common features of positive family life often include shared experiences, e.g. celebrations, special days or holidays.
- How people within families should care for each other and the different ways they show this.
- How to ask for help or advice if family relationships are making me feel unhappy, worried or unsafe.



Features of Positive Family Relationships:

Listening to each other



Speaking kindly to each other



Helping each other



Previous Learning

- I am aware of different social groups I belong to.
- I can identify people who are special to me and what they do to make me feel loved
- I understand how all families are different but have similar features