

Tuesday English – Mr Browne’s Precepts

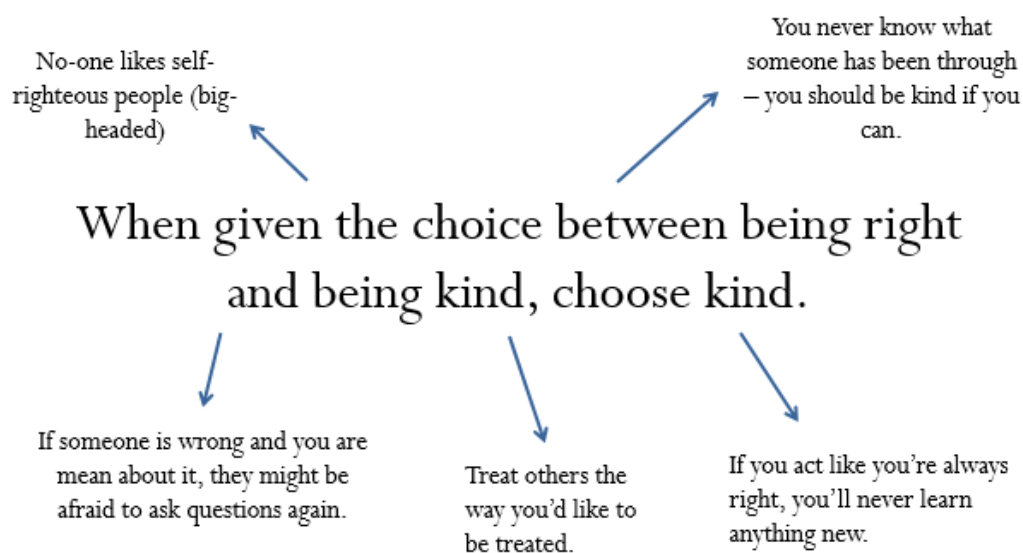
In last week’s lessons, we came across the first precept:

‘When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.’

I asked you to think about what it means.

Your answers talked about being kind to others because we are all born differently, how the characters being kind to August have helped him to feel accepted, and also how unkindness affects him. Precepts help us to make tough decisions about important things in life, and August has had to do this, starting school for the first time and having to mix with lots of new and different people.

Here are some other thoughts about that precept:



In today’s reading, we have another precept:

‘Your deeds are your monuments.’

August has to write about his view of this precept for his homework, and we can see what he wrote on page 65.

Do you agree? August says that, *‘the things we do are the most important things of all’*– what do you think?

Think of famous people you know of who have died – are they mostly remembered for the things that they *did* in their lives? Now think of an older relative of yours who you know well – do you think of them in terms of what they have *done* in their lives, or are there other things that you think of when you think of them? Do you remember their deeds or their character?

Precepts are rules to live by. There are lots and lots of them about – some you may agree with, and others not.

Here are a few more examples:

- If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.
- Kind words do not cost much, yet they accomplish much.
- Keep calm and carry on.
- All you need is love.

There are more in the back of the 'Wonder' book, on pages 311-313. Have a read of each of these, and decide if you agree with them.

Now - Create your own precept with explanation in your exercise book or on the Google assignment. Make it your personal motto: it can be a song lyric, quotation from a novel, a famous saying or something personal between your friends and family.