A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Recognising and challenging stereotypes of visible difference
Today we will learn:

• What a stereotype is and identify some examples.
• What a visible difference is.
• How stereotypes of visible difference are often used in film and on TV.
• What impact negative stereotypes of visible difference can have on people.
• How all stereotypes can be challenged.
Remember that when we discuss a topic:

• Only one person should talk at a time. – no interrupting.

• Show respect for the views of others.

• Challenge the ideas not the person.

• Use appropriate language – no rude comments.

• Allow everyone to express their view, to ensure that everyone is heard and respected.

• Don’t share personal stories without permission.
CHARACTER QUIZ

Are these film characters goodies or baddies?
GOODIE!

Belle
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Scar
THE LION KING
Scar
THE LION KING

BADDIE!
BADDIE!

Voldemort
HARRY POTTER
GOODIE!

Paddington
PADDINGTON BEAR
Dr Poison
WONDER WOMAN
BADDIE!

Dr Poison
WONDER WOMAN
Anna
FROZEN
GOODIE!

Anna
FROZEN
The Evil Queen
SNOW WHITE
BADDIE!

The Evil Queen
SNOW WHITE
GROUP DISCUSSION

What did you notice about how the baddies looked?
A **stereotype** is an idea about a particular group of people that is often untrue or unfair.
Lots of films and TV programmes use the stereotype that if you look different, you must be a baddie. This is really hurtful to people who look different in real life.
A **visible difference** is a mark, scar or condition that affects the appearance of someone's face or body.
Causes of a visible difference:

- Skin conditions like eczema, acne, or vitiligo
- Burns
- Birthmarks
- Craniofacial conditions, affecting the growth and development of the skull and face
- Cleft lip/palate (a gap or split in the upper lip and/or roof of the mouth)
- Cancer
There are many types of visible difference
Find out more about visible differences and respecting difference:
changingfaces.org.uk

Worried about anything we’ve discussed? You can contact Childline for help:
childline.org.uk