

BRITISH VALUES

As part of our ongoing commitment to the British Values Curriculum and our unique *Rainbow Curriculum* here at St Anselm's, we invite you to read this story with your children. Your involvement is crucial in reinforcing these values and qualities at home, so please take a moment to explore the themes and talk about them together. Let's work hand in hand to inspire thoughtful conversations and help our children be good friends, deep thinkers and morally responsible citizens with an active voice, who are informed to make positive contributions to society.



What can we learn from people who prove others wrong?

In the news this week

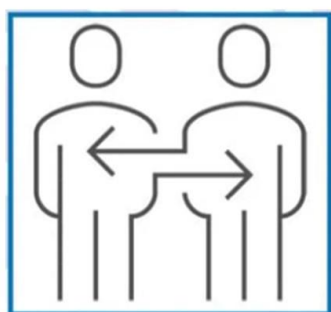
Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on *Strictly Come Dancing*. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of *British Vogue*. Ellie says she's excited for the challenge and hopes to show that people can do amazing things, even when others don't expect them to.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever seen *Strictly Come Dancing* on TV? Do you enjoy watching programmes that show competitions? Ask others at home whether they do.
- > Why do you think Ellie decided to take part? Is it something you would like to take part in?
- > Can you remember a time when you were told you couldn't do something? E.g., finish a puzzle or reach the top of a climbing frame. Share how you felt, and what happened.

Which British Value?

MUTUAL RESPECT



We respect each other.

We respect others and expect them to show us respect.



What can we learn from this?

We can be inspired by people who prove others wrong by achieving things we might not expect. Everyone deserves respect for what they do and the way they can shine.

Rainbow Curriculum Link



KINDNESS AND COMPASSION

What can we learn from this?

Ellie's journey on *Strictly Come Dancing* is a wonderful example of our Rainbow Curriculum strand of **Kindness and Compassion**, as she has been encouraged and celebrated for her courage and talent rather than judged by her differences. Ellie, who has Down syndrome, is also helping to highlight the protected characteristic of **Disability** by showing that everyone deserves the chance to take part, be visible and succeed. Her story reminds us that kindness means supporting others to shine, and that true compassion is about valuing what people *can* do and breaking down barriers so everyone feels included.

Democracy	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	Mutual Respect	Tolerance