Over the last two weeks the year 5/6 class has been busy building class culture and developing relationships. Our class theme this year is the idea that our class is like a puzzle where each one of us despite our differences is needed to make our class complete. Without one of us, we are not the same. Each student created a puzzle piece that is displayed on our door. We have also been learning about valuing everyone in the class and learning to respect each other's differences. Students have participated in a number of games and challenges to help develop team work skills and class culture. Some of these games and their purpose are listed below:

**Human Knots**- students in small groups had to stand in a circle and hold hands with different people across from them. Once they had formed a 'knot' they then had to try and untangle themselves. This required a lot of creative thinking, communication, cooperation and care.

**Human letters**- students had to work together in small groups to create a letter of the alphabet as quickly as they can. This also taught the students to cooperate and communicate with each other.

**Shrinking Island**- students had to work together to fit their whole team onto a piece of newspaper that gradually got smaller. It was great to see students thinking about how to achieve this task and work with all people from their group despite their differences.

**Build a table**- for this activity, students had to create a table with a cardboard top and newspaper legs. This was quite a challenging activity and required students to really think outside the box and think creatively about how to use their newspaper. Students had to listen to their peers and compromise on their designs and this was discussed as a very important part of team work.

To help get to know each other, students created a piece of ‘scratch art’ displaying their name and they then completed an ‘artist profile’ to go with their artwork. These are displayed in the classroom so come in and check them out.

This year the year 5/6 students will be buddying up with the year 2/3 class.

**Buddy Time**

We spent some time together on Tuesday where the students were buddied up and then given the challenge of constructing the tallest tower they could out of 6 pieces of newspaper. It was great to see the students working so well together with their buddies and to see the different creations that were made.