

LS7- The Littlest Bird – Appreciation		
Show how ideas and points of view in texts conveyed through the use of vocabulary, including idiomatic expressions, objective and subjective language, and that these can change according to context (ACELY1698) Navigate and read texts for specific purposes applying appropriate text processing strategies, for example, predicting and confirming, monitoring meaning, skimming and scanning (ACELY1702) Plan, draft and publish imaginative, informative and persuasive print and multimodal texts, choosing text structures, language features, images and sound appropriate to purpose and audience (ACELY1704) Present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of texts and modes that incorporate source materials, digital and non-digital representations and discipline-specific terms and conventions (ACHASSI105, ACHASSI133) Plan and practise strategies to promote health, safety and wellbeing (ACPPS054) Investigate community resources and ways to seek help about health, safety and wellbeing (ACPPS053)	Intro with Gavin This week we will read The Littlest Bird and learn all about the power of Appreciation Appreciation means feeling really happy and thankful for something or someone. We may feel appreciation when your friend shares something with you or cares for you when you're feeling sad. It's a way to show that you are grateful and that you care about others. Appreciation is also about understanding and knowing how special and important something or someone is to you. 'Gratitude' and 'Appreciation' are very similar indeed.	Intro Video With Gavin https://upschool.co/courses/values-for-a-better-tomorrow/lesson/learning-sequence-7-4 Teacher notes – Watch the video with your class and discuss the ideas explained. Talk about this week's value and ask the children if they know what it means? Ask questions around why it is important and how it can make our lives better. The idea behind watching this video is to set the foundations of the weekly value and get the children talking and thinking about it as the week progresses.
	Quote of the week Read this week's quote and think about what it means and what we can learn from it to make the world a better place! You may want to note it down in your notebook and draw a nice picture next to it!	https://upschool.co/courses/values-for-a-better-tomorrow/lesson/learning-sequence-7-4 Teacher Notes – Each week we will start by reading a quote, talking about what it means to further understand how we can use these words as lessons to learn from. Read the following quote and discuss it with your class. You may even want to print it out and collate the quotes over the weeks to create a wall of discussion for future research projects.
	Reading Activity Read the book opposite and have a conversation about each of the pages and discuss what values you think are being taught during the story. Remember that this book was created by a child and they are hoping that by reading it, you are going to learn something about living your life to help others feel safe, happy and accepted.	https://upschool.co/courses/values-for-a-better-tomorrow/lesson/learning-sequence-7-4 Teacher Notes – Read the book alongside your class and discuss the various lessons that we can learn from each of the pages and events within the text. The text was curated by a primary-aged child, so there may be mistakes and this is expected, but the essence of the

Examine how identities are influenced by people and places (ACPPS051) Practise skills to establish and manage relationships (ACPPS055)	Let's see what you learn!	activity is to explain to your students that these books are about the message inside. The children who wrote these books did so, with the intention to teach others about important values. Have a discussion with your class about the values they spotted inside this book!
Examine the influence of emotional responses on behaviour and relationships (ACPPS056) Investigate the role of preventive health in promoting and maintaining health, safety and wellbeing for individuals and their communities (ACPPS058) Identify how valuing diversity positively influences the wellbeing of the community	Weekly Comprehension Activity After reading the book you will now be feeling more inspired and ready to learn more about the values mentioned in this book. Take a look at the task card opposite and read the instructions carefully. Answer the questions, fill in the missing words and define the keywords before moving on to this week's activity below.	https://upschool.co/courses/values-for-a-better-tomorrow/lesson/learning-sequence-7-4 Teacher Notes – Read through the task card instructions with your students and make sure that they are aware of all the 4 activities expected of them during this activity. 1. Fill in the missing words 2. Answer the comprehension questions (in full sentences) 3. Define the Keywords in their books 4. Plan how they will complete the follow-up activity.
Understand the use of vocabulary to express greater precision of meaning, and know that words can have different meanings in different contexts (ACELA1512) Understand how to use knowledge of known words, base words, prefixes and suffixes, word origins, letter patterns and spelling generalisations to spell new words (ACELA1513) Explore less common plurals, and understand how a suffix changes the meaning or grammatical form of a word (ACELA1514)	Values Activity (Younger Students) Creating a Wall of Gratitude This week we are going to think about all of the things that we are grateful for. They might be things like family, friends, food, water or health and together, we are going to create a 'Wall of Gratitude' The wall will let everyone know what is important to us and how thankful we are to have these things. Through this wall we are going to let everyone know what things we appreciate. You may even want to name specific people on the wall if you want, like your teacher or school principal. Take a look at my example opposite and then get your friends to work together to create your very own.	Graphic for display https://upschool.co/courses/values-for-a-better-tomorrow/lesson/learning-sequence-7-4 Template for cutting https://upschool.co/courses/values-for-a-better-tomorrow/lesson/learning-sequence-7-4 Teacher Notes – This week we are going to ask your children to create a wall of gratitude. To show gratitude and appreciate the things and the people in our lives is an important aspect of understanding just how lucky we are and what things really matter to us in our lives. It is also a good exercise to allow children to say thank you for the things in their lives that they may take for granted. It also acts as a wonderful springboard into looking at perspective and can be followed up by looking at other cultures or

Identify aspects of literary texts that convey details or information about particular social, cultural and historical contexts (ACELT1608) Present a point of view about particular literary texts using appropriate metalanguage, and reflecting on the viewpoints of others (ACELT1609) Create literary texts using realistic and fantasy settings and characters that draw on the worlds represented in texts students have experienced (ACELT1612)		countries to compare and contrast what other people are grateful for and what they might think about the things we have on our wall.
	Values Activity (Older Students) Writing a Speech - I am Thankful for. This week, we'll be asking you to prepare a 60-second speech that's all about gratitude. This is your chance to express your thanks to the people who matter most to you, and to show appreciation for the many blessings in your life. Your speech will be presented to the rest of the class and may even be shared in the school assembly. The main focus of your speech should be on the simple things in life that really matter, such as family, love, care, friends, and nature. Your speech should also bring awareness to those in the world who may not have all that we have, and encourage your audience to think about being grateful for everything they have. I've included an example speech for you to follow, with highlighted phrases to help you craft the perfect message. Good luck, and enjoy this opportunity to reflect on all the wonderful things in your life that you have to be thankful for!	https://upschool.co/courses/values-for-a-better-tomorrow/lesson/learning-sequence-7-4 Teacher Notes - This week, we're inviting your children to prepare a special speech on gratitude. This activity isn't just about improving their writing and speaking skills, it's also a chance for the class to come together and appreciate each other and the world around them. It's easy to get caught up in the everyday routine and forget how fortunate we are compared to others around the world. This week, we want to encourage everyone to take a step back and gain some perspective. By focusing on gratitude, we can develop a greater sense of appreciation for the little things that make life so special. Remember, perspective is everything. When we take the time to appreciate what we have, it can help us realize how lucky we truly are. So let's come together and share our gratitude with one another.
	Your Book of Values (Pages 21-23) - Appreciation is ... This week we are going to start our very own book on values. Each week, we will ask you to add three more pages to the book. This week we will be adding the next 3 pages on love. Use the example to help you continue to create your very own book. Remember to keep it simple and keep your text away from the edges of the page! Each week we will add three more pages to your book until your book on values is complete.	https://upschool.co/courses/values-for-a-better-tomorrow/lesson/learning-sequence-7-4 Teacher notes - Over the next weeks, your children will be creating a simple but very powerful book on values. Each week your children will revisit this task and add three pages to their book until it is complete. Please allow your children to use the template provided to assist them with their design. The children will need to use this template as the dimensions are very specific.

	Good luck!	Once complete your children will add their book to the Upschool library for the world to see.
	Watch and Think! Watch the following animation about a family of sheep with a lamb that is a little bit different. At first they find it difficult to appreciate his differences, but in the end they understand that we should appreciate each other for what we are. Think about a friend that you truly appreciate and make sure that when the film is over, you find that friend and tell them exactly how much they mean to you.	https://upschool.co/courses/values-for-a-better-tomorrow/lesson/learning-sequence-7-4