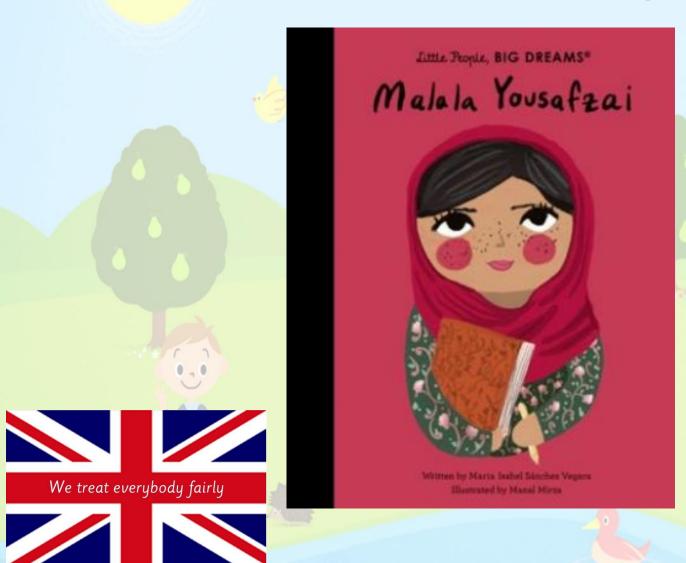
Malala Yousafzai





'One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.'



When little Malala was born, her father was determined she would have every opportunity that the world had to offer.



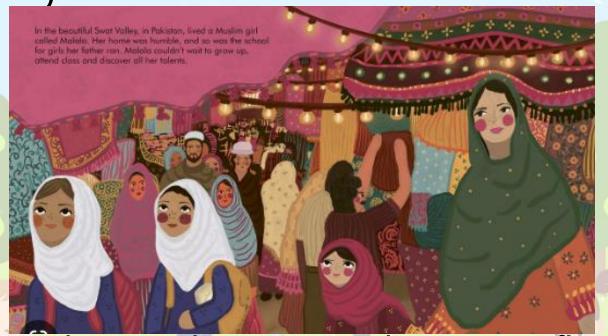
Malala knew that education was precious and she couldn't wait to grow up and discover all her talents.

Her mother never had the chance to learn how to read or write but Malala hoped her life would be different.



She wanted to prove to everyone that girls can have big dreams too.

When Malala was 10, a violent group called the Taliban took over her beautiful village in Pakistan where she lived.



They banned music, television, flying kites, dancing and...girls going to school.

Malala was devastated!

The Taliban thought that girls should only get married, cover their bodies from head to toe and NEVER leave the house without their husbands, fathers or brothers.



Malala was horrified. She felt like her world had ended.

Even though she was afraid, she decided to stand up for what she believed in and what was right.



Malala and her friends spoke out about the crimes towards girls and their education online and on television.



For the Taliban, there was nothing scarier than a young girl speaking her mind.

The Taliban wanted to silence Malala and shot her and two of her friends when they were travelling home on a bus.

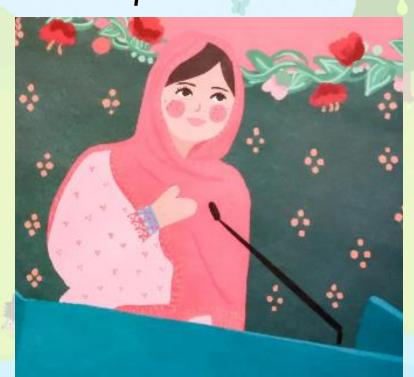
Malala was badly injured.

When Malala woke up, she was in a hospital in England, far away from home. But Malala got better....she got stronger and stronger and her voice became much louder.



Nothing would stop her from campaigning for equality and girl's education.

She spoke about her experiences everywhere from The White House to refugee camps across the world.



She became the youngest person to ever receive The Nobel Peace Prize and, with her father's help, she created a foundation to improve the lives of women and education around the world.



Today, Malala can be an inspiration to us all as she continues to fight for what she believes is right.



It may not always feel like it, but we are so lucky to live in a place where we are all able to live our lives as we would like and we all have equal opportunities.

Reflection

This is our school,

Let peace dwell here,

Let the rooms be full of

contentment.

Let love abide here,

Love of one another,

Love of mankind,

Love of life itself.

Let us remember



That as many hands build a house,

So many hearts make a school Help us to learn, play and share together.

We hope our school will be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,

A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.