This term the children in St. Andrew's class are taking part in a programme called the Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award. We are working together as a class to look at different modules and work towards a community-based project.

Each lesson we have to complete a challenge and think about a big question designed to make us think and make suggestions. So far, we have looked at teamwork and leadership. Our first challenge was to stack some cups to form a pyramid without touching them with our hands. We were only allowed to use a tool made from elastic bands and of course our voices to share our ideas and thoughts. Some teams were more successful than others, but we all worked well together.



We have also spent time thinking about what makes a good leader and researched inspirational leaders, both past and present. These leaders included people from the world of sport, social and political influences and spiritual leaders. When looking at these people we thought about challenges they faced, how they showed faith and resilience and how they have supported and influenced others.

Some of you might have spotted us walking around the village - we were looking at what facilities there are in our community, who can access them and who might be missing out. We also looked at the positives and negatives about our village. Later in the programme, we are going to look at charities on a national and global scale, how they work and how we can contribute towards these.

Each of us has a challenge sheet, where we are encouraged to complete challenges that will help others at home, in the community we live in, support the environment and work with charities.

At the end of the programme, we need to work together to design and deliver a project which will benefit our local area. We will need to agree as a class on a single project, organise it and then carry it out. Hopefully we will get to work with or support members of our community, so please look out for further information.