# Mindfulness in the Classroom Stanley & Ophelia







### **CASEL Standards:**

SELF-AWARENESS: The ability to accurately recognise one's own emotions, thoughts, and values and how they influence behaviour. The ability to accurately assess one's strengths and limitations with a well-grounded sense of confidence and optimism.

# **Academic Standards:**

National Curriculum in England - English Programmes of Study:

Spoken Language - Statutory Requirements:

Pupils will use spoken language to develop understanding through imagining and exploring ideas.

Pupils will listen and respond appropriately to adults.

Pupils will give well-structured descriptions for different purposes, including for expressing feelings.

Reading Comprehension - Statutory Requirements:

Pupils will participate in a discussion about stories that are read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say.

Pupils will develop positive attitudes to reading by listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction.

Writing - Statutory Requirements:

Pupils will plan their writing by discussing and recording ideas.



# **Objective:**

Use mindfulness to become self-aware in interactions with others. Use the mindfulness technique of expressing gratitude.

# **Curriculum:**

This lesson is part of a well-designed curriculum that builds SEL skills sequentially. Students will continue to improve their self-management and self-awareness as well as other SEL skills in other short, high-quality lessons. During these lessons in which pupils are active participants, pupils will explicitly be taught why these improved SEL skills are so valuable.

# **Essential Questions:**

How can I be mindful when interacting with others? How can I express gratitude to others?

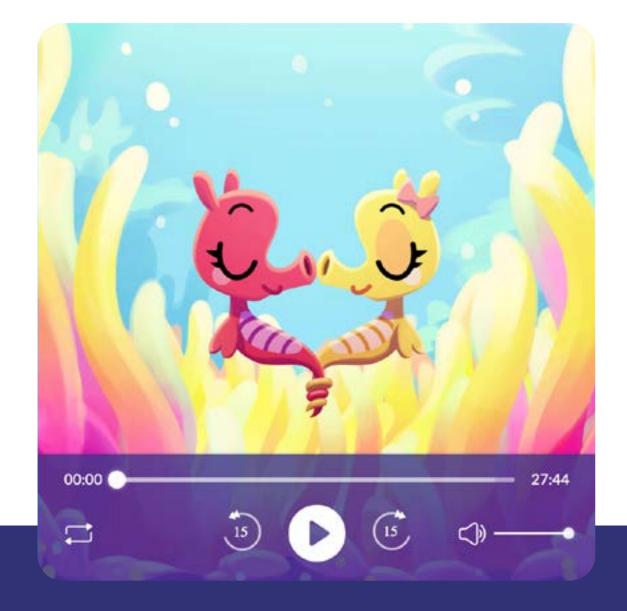
# I Can:

I can be mindful in my interactions with others. I can express my gratitude to others.



# Stanley & Ophelia

Now we will listen to a story called 'Stanley & Ophelia'. This is Stanley & Ophelia! Click on the picture to begin listening:



http://moshisleep.com/play/Stanley\_and\_Ophelia



#### **Before You Listen**

Today we continue our mindfulness lessons with Stanley the Seahorse in an undersea tale as he learns what it means to care about someone special. In today's story, Stanley meets a seahorse named Ophelia. Ophelia helps Stanley when he needs it the most, and Stanley shows his gratitude to her.

- What and who do you feel grateful for?
- How do you express your gratitude to others?
- Stanley realizes he loves and cares about Ophelia. How do you let others know you care about them?

#### **After You Listen**

- Have you ever felt like Stanley felt before?
- Stanley and Ophelia realized they were soul mates. What are some things soul mates might have in common?
- Stanley was grateful that Ophelia saved him from the net. Have you had an experience similar to this?
- When do you feel grateful?
- When you love someone, it feels good to let them know.
  How could you let the people in your life know you love them?
- How do the people in your life let you know that they care about you?
- How do you feel now after listening to Stanley and Ophelia's story?





