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# Shining Light Ambassador

## Religious Education





## RE at Polehampton

RE plays an important role in preparing pupils for life in our increasingly diverse global society.

At Polehampton, we want every child to have a secure knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and world views. Children should be able to engage in balanced conversations about religions and beliefs and to show an awareness of our Christian values.

In addition to learning about religions and worldviews, we encourage all children to learn how to reflect on their beliefs and to begin to understand and accept other faiths they encounter throughout their lives.

# Maya Angelou

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*Maya Angelou*





# Who is Maya Angelou?

Maya Angelou was born 4 April 1928 and died 28 May 2014- she became one of the most memorable voices of American culture.

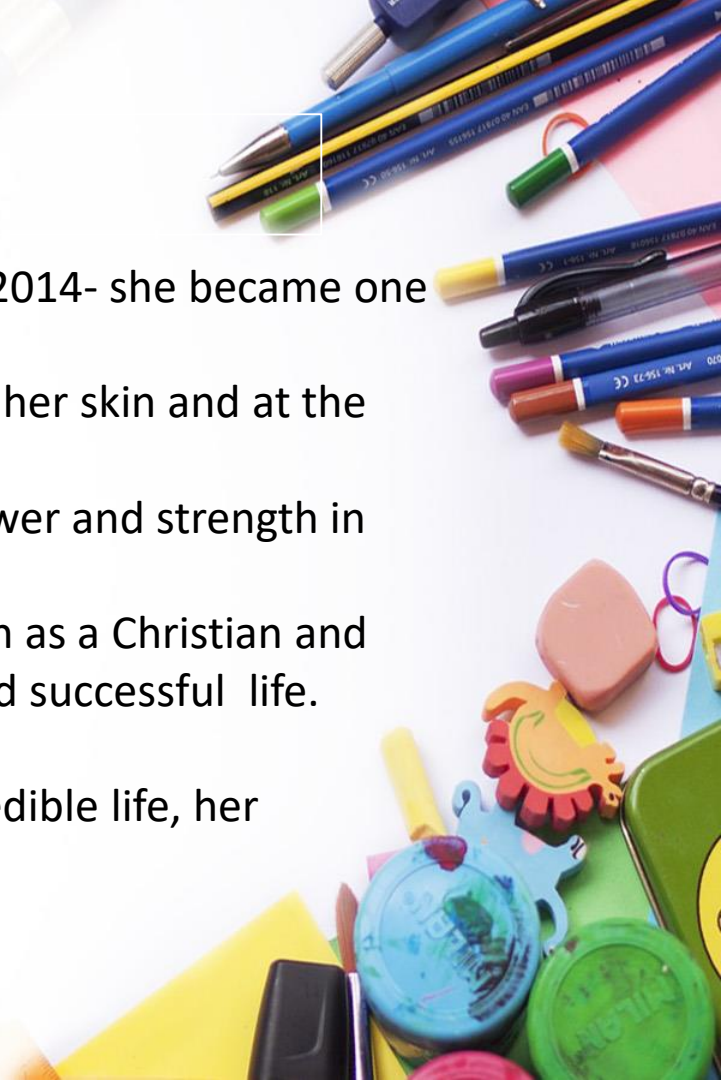
Maya faced a lot of unfairness because of the colour of her skin and at the age of eight she stopped speaking for five years!

During that time, she grew to love books and found power and strength in words.

She overcame her childhood struggles by using her faith as a Christian and her love for words, and went on to lead a happy and successful life.

Her favourite hymn to sing in church was, ' Let it shine!'

People everywhere continue to be inspired by her incredible life, her beautiful words and her powerful hopeful voice !





And it is Maya Angelou's words which inspire us in our RE at Polehampton.

***We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their colour.' Maya Angelou***

How do these words link to RE?  
What do you think they mean?



If you look closely, can you see how the different threads are woven together to make a picture?





We thought Maya's words help us to understand RE and how religions thread into our diverse world...

Each thread is like a different religion or world view. In RE we learn about some of these different beliefs, and different practices, different ways of worshipping, different ways of dressing and eating and praying and celebrating in different places all over our world. We ask questions about these things-- lots of questions in RE!-- and explore our own views.

The learning we do in RE helps us to understand how and why other people might be different from us- and when we understand something, that can mean that we're not afraid of it!





Maya says that each of the threads are equal in value no matter what their colour.

No matter what we may choose to believe or not believe, our religion or world view is an important part of something bigger, part of our understanding of life and death, of our perception and understanding of the world.

Like each thread, each of us with our own religious or world view has our own important role to play in the world as a whole; when you put us all together, we are part of something wonderful - our amazingly colourful and diverse world, our earth, our planet.

