

### Collective Worship

This term, our collective worship has focused on the theme of 'Creativity'. Seen from a Christian perspective, all of life is a gift, entrusted by a loving creator God to humankind for a purpose. The purpose is glimpsed as the creative spirit within each person learns to value and explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its mystery and diversity. With this gift comes a mutual responsibility to ensure the creation is not spoiled, but rather sustained and shared by all.

Our Big Questions were:

What does creativity at Petersfield look like?

How do we value, explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its diversity?

### Collective Worship Autumn 2 highlights:

**Week 1** – This week we introduced our new theme for the half term – 'Creativity'. A dictionary definition of creativity is 'the use of imagination or original ideas to create something; inventiveness'. The Christian perspective on creativity is that all of life is a gift, entrusted by a loving creator God to humankind for a purpose. The purpose is glimpsed as the creative spirit within each person learns to value and explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its mystery and diversity. With this gift comes a mutual responsibility to ensure the creation is not spoiled, but rather sustained and shared by all. Our big questions for the half term are: What does creativity at Petersfield look like? and How do we value, explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its diversity? We looked at paintings by Janet Weight-Reed and the music inspired from these to consider creativity.

**Week 2** – This week, we reflect on creation and the gift of the world and our joint responsibility for the environment. In preparation for Remembrance, we explore the history of the poppy and the historical significance of Remembrance, linking this to our value of peace. Thanks to the GenR8 materials, we reflect on how we cope when things change. To conclude the week, we learn about St Martin's Day and the Lantern Festival.

**Week 3** – Thank you to Amanda for leading our Remembrance collective worship on Monday and to the Standard Bearer for joining us for this reflection. Thank you also to Pine class for leading assembly on Wednesday. This week in Collective Worship, we have also reflected on how we are a good friend and the small steps we can individually take to care for our environment.

**Week 4** – This week in Collective Worship, we have been joining together for our Choral Worship in preparation for our Christingle Service next week. We explored what the parts of a Christingle represents and thought about safety around candles. As we continue our theme of creation, this week we reflect on the poem by Walt Whitman and think about what in creation we find amazing.

**Week 5** – This week in Choral Collective Worship we have been signing our Christingle songs. Thank you to Amanda for leading our Christingle on Wednesday and to everyone who joined us in church. In a shorter week for pupils, we have also celebrated Headteacher Awards and reflected on 'Keeping Going' with the GerR8 resources.

**Week 6** – Thank you to Yew class for leading Wednesday's assembly, sharing their learning with us. At the start of Advent, choral worship has included joyous singing of Christmas carols as we look forward to our Nativity service on the last day of term.

**Week 7** - This week, we enjoyed joining with many other schools virtually for the Ely Cathedral Christingles Service. We continue to sing our Christmas carols in Choral Worship and our EYFS and KS1 children delighted us with their performance telling the Christmas story. We were delighted to welcome GenR8 into school this week to reflection the Christmas story

**Week 8** - This week our Headteacher Award Collective Worship concluded Advent in school celebrating how pupils have been a light to others as they have lived life to the full this term. Thank you to Amanda, Reception and Year 6 for leading our Nativity service to end the term.

### Our Church Community

Remembrance was marked in school on the 13<sup>th</sup> thanks to our Standard Bearer and Amanda Tuck leading our silence and act of worship.

We particularly enjoy a Christingle Service and were delighted at the number of family members who joined us at St Andrew's church this year. Ash, Elm and Pine class also enjoyed joining the virtual Ely Cathedral Christingle this year.

Ash and Elm class delighted parents, family members, the school and Mother Goose as they performed the Nativity story complete singing, dancing and wonderful acting.



Thank you to the Methodist church for welcoming Rowan class to sing carols and for organising the Festival of Light where we decorated a Christmas tree. Embodying our value of friendship and our desire to recycle and reuse to help the environment, our beautiful, kindly donated tree is now decorating St Andrew's church.

Christmas Carols with the community

Christmas is really upon us each year when, on the last day of term, Ash and Yew class lead our Nativity at church.

### **Religious Education (RE)**

This term, Mrs Penrose was delighted to attend the Diocese RE Conference as we continue to develop our scheme of work in line with the new Cambridgeshire Agreed Syllabus and Mrs Penrose was asked to present at conference following our experience as the first school in Diocese and County to be inspected successfully under the new SIAMS framework.